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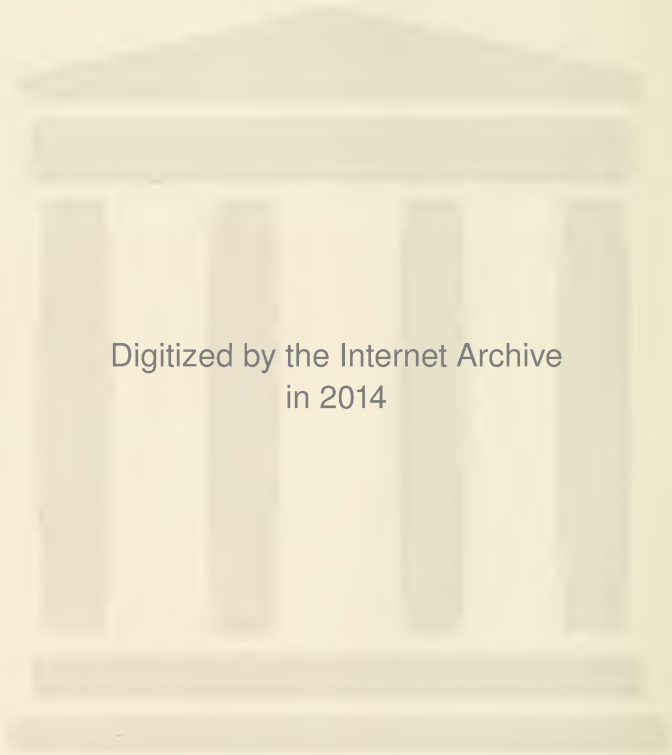

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MINUTES

of the

One Hundred and Eighty Seventh
Annual Session

of the

Mountain District
Primitive Baptist Association

held with

Little River Church
Sparta, North Carolina

Beginning on Friday Before
the first Sunday in September

1985

The next session convenes with Saddle Creek Church, Independence, Virginia, located four miles west of Independence on Route 58. White frame building on South side of Rt. 58. Saturday and Sunday the association will meet at Cross Roads Church building located seven miles west of Galax, Virginia, turn off Rt. 58, five miles west of Galax onto Rt. 636 for 3 miles. Turn right on Rt. 626 and church building is just beyond Baywood Elementary School, beginning on Friday before the first Sunday in September, 1986, at 10:30 a.m.

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Proceedings of The Mountain District Primitive Baptist Association

The association met with Little River Church for its one hundred eighty-seventh annual session.

After singing by the congregation and prayer by Elder E. W. Hooven from Parkview and Julian Hill Churches. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder Walter Evans, text: 1st Corinthians 15:1-10.

After intermission of one hour during which lunch was served, the messengers assembled in the meeting house to attend to the business of the association. They were called to order with prayer by Elder Kemp Walker from Pine Church.

1. Called for, received and read letters from the churches.

2. Called for petitionary letters from other churches of the same faith and order desiring admission to the Association. None came.

3. Organized by move, second and approval to elect Elder Walter Evans as moderator, Roy L. Truitt, Clerk, and Leslie T. Nichols, Assistant Clerk.

4. Called for visitors from sister associations and sister churches. The following came forward and were welcomed to our midst:

SENTER ASSOCIATION: Elder Steve Douglas, Elder Billy Yates and wife, Elder Floyd South and family, Sister Dora Bare, Brother Grover Burchette and wife, Sister Zell Walker, Sister Lillian Richardson, Brother Norman Brown and wife, Sister Dorothy Brown

ORIGINAL BEAR CREEK: Elder Larry Austin, Sister Nancy Austin, Elder E. W. Hooven, Elder Guy Parks, Sister Dorothy Parks, Sister Ruby Hatley, Brother T. L. Simpson, Sister Ruby Simpson

MT. ZION: Elder Franklin Oresta, Sister Annalena Oresta

NEW LIBERTY: Brother Finley Ratliff, Sister Bernice Ratliff

INDIAN CREEK CHURCH OF WEST VIRGINIA: Elder Norvel Mann, Elder Thomas Mann

PINE GROVE CHURCH: Elder Ronald G. Bowman, Elder Jess B. Higgins, Brother Tim McGrady

PINE CHURCH: Elder Kemp Walker, Sister Edith P. Walker

PLEASANT HILL CHURCH: Elder Harvey Carpenter

CHESTNUT GROVE CHURCH: Elder Bruce Thomas

STEWARTS CREEK CHURCH: Brother Robert Thomas, Sister Margie Thomas

COMMUNITY CHURCH: Sister Virginia Hylton and husband, Willie

LANDMARK CHURCH: Brother Elzie Reynolds, Sister Ethel Reynolds

INDIAN CREEK CHURCH OF VIRGINIA: Brother Lewis Henley, Sister Treva Henley, Brother Estel Henley, Sister Clydie Henley

CHILHOWIE CHURCH: Elder Howard M. Davis Jr., Brother Glenn Blevins

CRAB CREEK CHURCH: Brother Guthrie Caudill, Sister Polly Claudill, Brother Jessie J. Funk, Sister Mabel Funk, Sister Ruby Edwards, Sister Naoma D. Choate

5. Received minutes from the following associations: Mt. Zion, Original Bear Creek, Original Mates Creek, Little Yadkin River, Ebeneezer, Sand Lick District, and Original Little River of North Carolina.

6. By move, second and approval the moderator will make all temporary committee appointments for this session.

(A) Preaching Committee: Brethren Arol Choate, Thomas Farmer, and David Fields, and the messengers from Little River Church: Brethren Paige Wagoner, Garfield Dillard, Jack Nichols and Jim Mable, Alternate.

(B) Finance Committee: Brethren Arthur Gambill, Everett Cox, John Nichols.

(C) Committee to distribute corresponding minutes: Brethren Bayne Caudill, Alton Sawyers.

(D) Committee on arrangements: Brethren Raymond Nichols, Greene Ward, Carl Williams, Arvil Newberry, and Elder Curtis Hash. By move, second, and approval the moderator and clerk to serve on this committee: Elder Walter Evans, Brothers Roy Truitt & Leslie Nichols.

7. By move, second and approval the association adjourned until Saturday morning at 10 a.m. Closed with prayer by Elder Franklin Oresta from Mt. Zion Association.

Saturday, August 31, 1985

After singing by the congregation and prayer by Elder Ronald Bowman from Pine Grove Church.

1. Called roll of messengers marked off those that were absent.

2. Called for visitors, those that came forward were added to Friday's list.

3. Called for committee on arrangements to report. They recommend the following:

(A) To have 800 copies of these minutes printed and distributed as usual.

(B) The next session of the association to convene with Saddle Creek Church: Located four miles west of Independence, Virginia on Rt. No. 58. White frame building on south side of Rt. No. 58 (Saturday and Sunday the association will meet at Cross Roads church building located five miles west of Galax, VA). Turn off Route No. 58 onto Route No. 636 for .3 miles. Turn right on Rt. 626 and church is just beyond Baywood Elementary School.

(C) To have a memoriam of our deceased members printed in the minutes. Also obituaries and pictures that are requested by the churches.

(D) Cross Roads Church has offered their building for any church who wishes to hold the Association at that location.

(E) The committee consisting of: Brethren Raymond Nichols, John Nichols, and Thomas Farmer were asked to continue to pursue and carry out the legal and just disposition of the Barton's Cross Roads Church Building.

By move, second, and approval the recommendations of the committee on arrangements were adopted.

4. Committee on finance gave the following report and were discharged when their duties were completed.

Received from the churches $627.00
For printing of minutes $490.00
Gave to moderator 50.00
Gave to school 25.00
Balance in treasury from last year 440.51
Balance in treasury to carry over for next year 502.51
Received from Brethren, Sisters, and Friends
which was distributed to visiting elders $466.00

5. Committee to distribute corresponding minutes made their report and were discharged.

6. Committee on preaching made their report and were discharged when their duties were completed.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON:
Elder E. W. Hooven, Text: John 16:28
Elder Elmer Sparks dismissed with prayer

FRIDAY NIGHT:
Elder E. W. Hooven introduced with prayer
Elder Kemp Walker, Text: Isaiah 57: 20, 21
Elder Larry Austin, no special text

SATURDAY MORNING:
Elder Ronald Bowman introduced with prayer
Elder Harvey Carpenter, Text: 1st John
Elder Thomas Mann, Text: Psalms 27:4

SATURDAY AFTERNOON:
Elder Steve Douglas, Text: Proverbs 6
Elder Norvel Mann, Text: Luke 12:32
Elder Harvey Carpenter dismissed with prayer

SATURDAY NIGHT:
Elder Elmer Sparks introduced with prayer
Elder Kemp Walker, Text: Psalms 113:1
Elder Guy Parks, Text: Mark 7:24
Elder Curtis Hash dismissed with prayer

SUNDAY MORNING:
Elder Floyd South introduced with prayer
Elder Jess B. Higgins, Text: 1st Cor. 15:1
Elder Guy Parks, Text: Luke 2:11
Elder Guy Parks dismissed with prayer.

7. By move, second, and approval the clerk was appointed as treasurer and to superintend the printing of these minutes.

8. Resolve that we return thanks first to God, then to brethren, sisters, and friends for their hospitality and kindness during this association.

9. These minutes were read and approved.

10. By move, second, and approval the association adjourned to the time and place of the next meeting. Closed with prayer by Elder Curtis Hash.

Elder Walter Evans, Moderator
Roy L. Truitt, Clerk

Thus closed the one hundred and eighty-seventh session of the Mountain District Association in peace and fellowship. Each minister who filled the stand was wonderfully blessed to preach the gospel in its purity and love to a large congregation.

Roy L. Truitt, Clerk

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Communion Times

ANTIOCH ..... June, 4th Saturday
LITTLE RIVER ..... June, 3rd Saturday
UNION ..... July, 1st Saturday
PEACH BOTTOM ..... July, 2nd Saturday
SADDLE CREEK ..... July, 4th Saturday
ROCK CREEK ..... August, 1st Saturday
GALAX ..... August, 2nd Sunday
ELK CREEK ..... August, 2nd Saturday
CROSS ROADS ..... August, 3rd Saturday

(And the Sunday following in all the churches.)

Memoriam

It is with sadness and grief that we pause in the solemn tribute to our dear members who have passed away since our last association. Even though our hearts are grieved now, we rejoice in the glorious hope that there is an eternal city not made with hands beyond this life, where we will ever be with the Lord, where there will be no sadness and farewells.

LITTLE RIVER ..... Add C. McMillan
Annie Rector Blevins
SADDLE CREEK ..... Cora Madge Ward Rhudy
ELK CREEK ..... Ella Reeves
Nora Weaver Kennedy
J. C. Gambill
ROCK CREEK ..... Paul Hash
CROSS ROADS ..... Johnny Murray
ANTIOCH ..... Zina Weaver
PEACH BOTTOM ..... Mattie Mae Stamper
Emma Stamper Owens
GALAX ..... Royal Sykes
Maggie Pillow
Ambers Dickens

Add C. McMillan

Add C. McMillan was born on April 7, 1889, in Ashe County, NC to Irdell and Mary Ann Dixon McMillan, making his stay on earth 95 years, 10 months, and 6 days. He was a veteran of World War 1. He was united in marriage with Bessie Ruth Miller on December 16, 1919, making a happy marriage of over 65 years.

He united with the Primitive Baptist Church at Elk Creek on October, 1946. But, in later years, Brother Add and Sister Bessie moved their membership by letter to Little River Primitive Baptist Church, where he remained a faithful member until death, attending church as long as his health permitted. He was always active in Civic organizations and tried to make a better place to live.

He leaves his wife and three children. Wade, Shirley and Marjorie, also ten grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren and one sister, Mrs. Maude (Cleve) Gambill and many friends to mourn his passing.

Why should our tears of sorrow flow? When God has called His own; and bids them leave this world of woe: "For an immortal crown?"

Funeral services were held at Little River Church in Sparta, NC, where he lived many years in the presence of a large congregation of friends and church members on February 16, 1985, by Elders Walter Evans and Jess Higgins. He was laid to rest in the Sparta Cemetery to await the resurrection of the dead.

Written by request by Elder Walter Evans

Annie Rector Blevins

Annie Rector Blevins was born on April 1, 1893, departed this life on January 7, 1985, age 91 years, 9 months, 6 days. She was married to John Emary Blevins on December 26, 1923. Her husband preceded her in death on August 17, 1948.

Annie united with Zion Primitive Baptist Church on September 1954, and was baptized by Elders C. B. Kilby and Walter Evans with four others. She later moved her membership to Little River Church on August, 1962, where she remained a faithful and devoted member until death.

She leaves one brother, Willie Rector of Sparta, N. C., one stepdaughter, Mrs. Zola Heaps, Belair, Maryland, several nieces and nephews and many friends to mourn her death.

Her funeral was held at Little River Primitive Baptist Church by Elders Don Richardson and Walter Evans. Her body was laid to rest in Zion Church Cemetery to await the resurrection of the dead, when she will hear that sweet, but powerful voice say "Awake and sing ye that dwell in dust." Isaiah 26:19.

Written by request, Elder Walter Evans

Amburs Jefferson Dickens

Brother Amburs Dickens was a faithful member of Galax Primitive Baptist Church for many years. I had the privilege to baptize Brother Amburs and his wife Naomi several years ago into the fellowship of the church. Sister Naomi preceded Brother Amburs in death, he missed her greatly, but was still faithful to attend his church. He was as fine a gentleman and Christian as you will find anywhere.

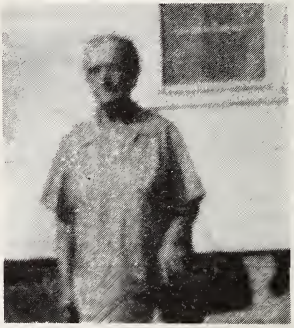
Brother Amburs passed away after a short illness at the age of 80, September 25, 1984. His funeral was held at Vaughan-Guynn Chapel on September 25, 1984, officiating was Elder Jess B. Higgins, with interment in Monta Vista Memory Gardens in Galax, VA

He is survived by one son Jackie Dickens, Galax, VA and 2 grandchildren.

We will miss Brother Amburs, but by the Grace of God"hope"to meet him again.

Written by request,
Elder Jess B. Higgins

Martha Emma Owens



Mrs. Martha Emma Owens, 89, of Rt. 1, Independence, died Wednesday, June 12, 1985, in Twin County Community Hospital.

She was born on May 22, 1896, in Rugby, to Abram Stamper and Mary Catherine Stamper. She was the widow of Edd Owens and was a member of the Peach Bottom Primitive Baptist Church.

Surviving are one daughter, Mrs. Anna Hancock, Galax; three sons, Walter Owens, Independence; Calvin Owens, Greenbackville, VA, and Clifford Owens, Pearland, Texas; one brother-in-law, Johnny Martin, Independence; five grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held on June 15 at 11 a.m. in the Reins-Sturdivant Funeral Home chapel. Elder Jess B. Higgins and Elder Curtis Hash officiated.

Interment was in the Saddle Creek Cemetery.

Cora Madge Ward Rheedy

Cora Madge Ward Rheedy was born in Grayson County, on Saddle Creek to Thomas Wells and Lillie Virginia Phelps Ward on June 17, 1899.

She united in marriage to Mr. Boyd A. Rheedy on June 1, 1934. She passed away on May 7, 1985.

She is survived by one sister, Rose Ward Jenkins, two step-sons, one step-daughter, several nieces and nephews.

Sister Madge united with Saddle Creek Church on July 1950.

She filled her seat every meeting time as long as she was able to come to church.

Her body was laid to rest in the Ward Family Cemetery on Saddle Creek to await the second coming of our Lord.

Written by a lonely sister,
Rose Ward Jenkins

Nora Weaver Kennedy

Nora Elizabeth Weaver Kennedy was born on May 17, 1902, died on June 22, 1985, making her stay on earth 83 years, 1 month, and 5 days.

She was married to Paul Kennedy on December 22, 1928; unto this union was born one daughter, Mrs, Elenor McMillon of Elkton, MD, and one son, Jamie Kennedy of Concord, NC.

She united with the Primitive Baptist Church at Elk Creek about 1970, where she remained a faithful member until death. She was baptized by Elders Walter Evans and Jess Higgins.

She leaves to mourn her passing, her son, Jamie, and one daughter, Elenor; two granchildren, Bobbie and Timmie Kennedy of Concord, NC and one brother, Ben Weaver of Sparta, NC; several nieces and nephews and many friends.

Her funeral was conducted at Grand View Memorial Chapel by Elders Walter Evans and Jess Higgins. Her body was laid to rest in the Kennedy Cemetery to await the resurrection of the dead, when she will hear her Savior say, "My child come home."

Written by request
Elder Walter Evans

Paul Hash

Paul Hash died in his home in Independence, Virginia, Monday evening on October 15, 1984, at the age of 76. He was born on September 18, 1908, in Grayson County, Virginia, to Orvel and Amelia Rutherford Hash.

Funeral service was held on Thursday, October 18, at 11:00

a.m., in the Rock Creek Primitive Baptist Church. Interment was in the church cemetery by Elder Bruce Thomas, Elder C. J. DeLoach and Elder Jesse Higgins.

He was a retired Virginia Department of Highways employee.

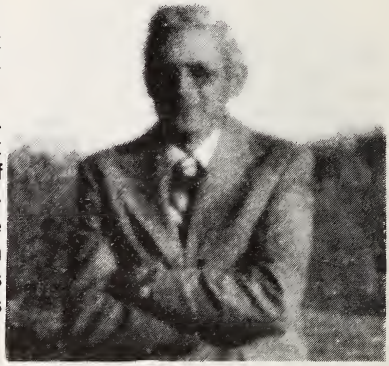
Surviving are his wife, Annie Perry Hash, three sons, Paul Dean Hash and Elder Curtis D. Hash, both of Independence, Virginia and Franklin Eugene Hash of Sparta, NC, and one sister, Mrs. Kate Gaither of Moxville, NC. Also surviving are several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

He united with Rock Creek Primitive Baptist Church the first weekend of May in 1950, where he remained a member until his death. Our old church will miss him greatly.

We will always miss his sincere smile and his loving kindness. I feel my Dad is sleeping now, waiting for that great day of the Resurrection.

Written by Elder Curtis D. Hash

Joseph Royal Sykes



"...I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly."

Brother Royal Sykes was a member of Galax Primitive Baptist Church about six months; but if there has ever been anyone to enjoy this period of time more, I have never seen it. He was so happy in the Lord expressing many times that he wished he had done this sooner.

It was my happy privilege to be able to join with Brother Royal and his wife, Sister Alene, who was baptized with Royal, in these precious moments.

He was born on July 18, 1919, and passed this life on June 13, 1985. Survivors are his wife, Alene Sykes, three sons Bobby Sykes, Larry Sykes, Jim Sykes, one sister Mrs. Rena Tolbert and two brothers Robert Sykes, Suncan Sykes, also 7 grandchildren, 3 step-grandchildren.

His funeral service was conducted on June 15th, 1985, at Vaughan-Guynn Chapel by Elder Jess B. Higgins and Elder Paul Hopkins. A large congregation of friends and neighbors were present for the funeral service. He was buried in Blue Ridge Chapel Cemetery to await the glorious resurrection day. Thank God Brother Royal found the abundant life which is in Jesus our Savior.

Written by request,
Elder Jess B. Higgins

Margaret "Maggie" Stockner Pillow

Sister Maggie Pillow, as we all knew her, was a faithful member of Galax Primitive Baptist Church for many years. She attended her church and sister churches regularly until her health failed. I had the happy privilege to baptize Sister Maggie and to be with her in Christian love and fellowship for many years. She was cheerful and always had a spirit of wit and humor. It was a delight to hear her talk of life's circumstances and the goodness of the Lord.

Sister Maggie passed this life on September 25, 1984, after a long illness at the age of 75 years. Her funeral service was held at Vaughan-Guynn Chapel in Galax, VA with a large crowd present; Elder Jess B. Higgins officiated. Her body was intered in Monta Vista Memory Garden, Galax, VA to await the glorious resurrection day.

She is survived by two daughters Fay P. Cochran, Galax, VA, and Patsy Todd also of Galax, VA,one sister, Lula R. Akers, Hillsville, VA; one brother, Earl Stockner, Winston-Salem, NC, 5 grandsons and 3 great-grandchildren.

Written by request,
Elder Jess B. Higgins

John Colvard Gambill

John Colvard Gambill was born on September 1, 1902, son of John and Myrtle Colvard Gambill. He died on June 10, 1985. Survivors include his wife, Rose G. Gambill, and two daughters; Johnsie McIntyre and Nancy Gentry; a brother, Robert Eugene Gambill; six grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

In 1925, he was married to Rose Gambill and their marriage of 59 years was a close, loving relationship built on love, respect and similar interests. They spent their married life on the family farm, Rt. 2, Sparta.

He had always taken an active part in attending and supporting the activities of Elk Creek Primitive Baptist Church and in 1976, he became a member of that church.

Johnny Gambill was a kind man, a gentle man, who loved life and loved and respected others around him. He served mankind, his community and family well.

Many of us who knew and loved him, would like to so live as to be remembered with the same fond memories and love.

Written by - Johnsie McIntyre

John Dwight Murray

Just before noon on Christmas Day, God peacefully called Brother Johnnie Murray from this life. He passed away in the Twin County Community Hospital, where he had been a patient for several weeks.

Funeral service was held at 11:00 a.m., Thursday, December 27, 1984, in the Cross Roads Primitive Baptist Church. Interment was in the Crab Creek Cemetery by Elder Jess Higgins and Elder Curtis D. Hash.

Brother Johnie was born to John Monroe Murray and Peggy Anders Murray on August 15, 1903, in Grayson County, making his stay upon this earth 81 years, 4 months and 10 days.

In 1925, he married Lois Sparks who survives him in death. Unto this marriage was born one son, Swanson Murray. Also surviving is one brother, Charles Murray, one grandaughter and two great-grandchildren.

He united with Cross Roads Primitive Baptist Church, September 3, 1935. He and Sister Lois were baptized on the same day. They were faithful members and visited other churches both far and near. He was ordained as a deacon for the Cross Roads Church on April 21, 1956. He will long be remembered for his great gift of singing. He was a very capable song leader.

Brother Johnie was in poor health for many years. He was in the hospital many times. He was such a patient man he never complained about going home, but the last time he was in the hospital before his death, he begged to go home. I feel he was not begging to go back to his earthly home at Baywood, but that he was longing to go to his heavenly home, which he often spoke about. I feel he is at rest, waiting for that great day of the Resurrection, to be carried home.

Written by Elder Curtis D. Hash

Mattie Mae Stamper

Mattie Mae Stamper, born on May 4, 1890, married to Harlow Stamper on April 1, 1914, and died on October 5, 1984. Three children - James, Minnie, and Ruby. Became members of the Peach Bottom Primitive Baptist Church in 1922, and her husband and she serving as deacon and deaconess up until her husband's death in 1942. She and her husband were baptized at the same time by Elders Stephen and Coy Roberts.

Rules of Decorum

1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

2. A Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

3. Only one person shall speak at a time, who shall arise from his seat and address the moderator when he is about to make his speech.

4. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by any except the Moderator till he is done speaking.

5. He shall strictly adhere to the subject, and in no wise reflect on the person who spoke before, so as to make remarks on his slips, failings, or imperfections; but shall fairly state the matter as nearly as he can so as to convey his light or ideas.

6. No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the association without liberty obtained from it.

7. No person shall rise and speak more than three times on one subject without liberty obtained from the Association.

8. No member of the Association shall have liberty of laughing during the sitting of the same, nor whispering in the time of public speech.

9. No member of the Association shall address another in any appellation but the title of Brother.

10. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member in his speech or prohibit him from speaking till he gives his light on the subject, except he break the rules of this Decorum.

11. The names of the several members of the Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called over as often as the Association requires.

12. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speech as any other member, provided the chair be filled, and he shall not vote unless the Association be equally divided.

13. That any member who shall willfully and knowingly break these rules shall be reproved by the Association as they think proper.

Constitution

1. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union, and duly sent to represent them in the Association who shall be members whom they judge best qualified for that purpose, and producing letters from their respective churches, certifying their appointment, shall be entitled to a seat.

2. In the letters from the different churches there shall be expressed their number in fu fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, dismissed, excomm nicated and dead since the last Association.

3. The members thus chosen and convened shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor shall they have any ecclesiastical power over the churches, nor shall they infringe on any of the internal rights of any church into the union.

4. The Association, when convened, shall be governed by a proper Decorum.

5. The Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk who shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present. In the absence of the Moderator, the Clerk shall stand as a Moderator until a new Moderator can be elected.

6. Any church may be admitted into this union, who shall petition by letter and messengers, and upon examination, if found orthodox and orderly, shall be received by the Association, and manifested by the Moderator giving the messengers the right hand of fellowship.

7. Every church in the union shall be entitled to representation in the Association.

8. Every query presented by any member of the Association shall be once read and before it be debated the Moderator shall put it to vote, and, if there be a majority for its being debated, it shall be taken into consideration and be deliberated, but, if there be a majority against it, it shall be withdrawn.

9. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

10. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with the minutes of the Association, the best method for effecting that purpose shall be at the discretion of the future associations.

11. We think it absolutely necessary that we should have an Associational fund for defraying the expenses of the same, for the raising and supporting of which we think it the duty of each church in the union to contribute voluntarily such sums as they think proper, and send by the hands of their messengers to the Association, and the money thus contributed by the churches and received by the Association shall be deposited in the hands of a treasurer by the Association who shall be accountable to the Association for all money by him received and paid out according to the direction of the Association.

12. There shall be an Association Book kept, wherein the proceedings of every Association shall be regularly recorded by a secretary appointed by the Association, who may receive a compensation yearly for his trouble.

13. The minutes of the Association shall be read and corrected, if need be, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association arises.

14. Amendments to this plan or form of government may be made at any time by a majority of the union, when they deem it necessary.

15. The Association shall have power (1) To provide for the general union of the churches; (2) To endeavor to preserve invoilably a chain of communion among the churches; (3) To give the churches all necessary advice in matters of difficulty; (4) To inquire into the cause why churches fail to represent themselves at any time in the Association; (5) To appropriate the means contributed by the churches for an Associational Fund to any purpose they may think proper; (6) To withdraw from any church in the union which shall violate the rules of this decorum or deviate from the orthodox principles of our religion; (7) To admit any of the distant brethren in the ministry who may be present, to assist in the transaction of business during their setting; (8) To adjourn themselves to any future time and place they may think most convenient to the churches in the union.

Articles of Faith

1. We believe in only one true and living God, and that there are three persons in the Godhead, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.

2. We believe that the scriptures of the Old and New Testament, as translated in 1611 into the King James Version of the Holy Bible, is the written word of God and the only rule of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the doctrine of eternal and particular election.

4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.

5. We believe in man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature of his own free will and ability.

6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ.

7. We believe that God's elect are called, converted, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

8. We believe the saints are preserved in Jesus Christ and called and shall never fall finally away.

9. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that true believers are the only subjects of these ordinances, and that the true mode of baptism is by immersion.

10. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, both of the just and the unjust, and a general judgment and the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting and the joys of the righteousness will be eternal.

11. We believe that no minister has the right to administer the ordinances only such as are regularly called and come under the imposition of hands by the presbytery, and in fellowship with a church of our faith and order.

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Green Ward, Rt. 3, Independence, VA 24348 40
Blake Roberts, 117 Branch St., Galax, VA 24333..... 70
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Rose Jenkins, Independence, VA 24348..... 30
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Church Directory

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Galax Church, Galax, Virginia: Located at the intersection of Painter and McArthur Streets.

Saddle Creek Church, Independence, Virginia: Located four miles west of Independence on Route 58. White, frame building on south side of No. 58.

Cross Roads Church, Baywood, Virginia: Located seven miles west of Galax, Virginia. Turn off Route No. 58 (five miles west of Galax) onto Route No. 636 for .3 mile. Turn right on Route No. 626, and church is just beyond Baywood Elementary School.

Little River Church, Sparta, North Carolina: Located on Memorial Park Drive, one block east of Route 21.

Rock Creek Church, Independence, Virginia: Located two miles east of Independence. Turn off Route 58 onto Route 274 for one mile. Turn left onto Route 685 for one mile and church is on the right.
Peach Bottom Church, Independence, Virginia: Located one mile north of Independence at intersection of Route No. 21 and 654.
Antioch Church, Stratford, North Carolina: Located six miles southwest of Sparta, NC. Turn off Route 221 onto Route 1167 (Antioch Church Road), go two miles, turn left on Route 1163. Just .4 mile to brick church on left of road.
Elk Creek Church, Sparta, North Carolina: Located five miles west of Sparta. From Route 21 at Twin Oaks, North Carolina, take 221 south, turn right on Route No. 93, just two miles to church on right of road.

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Statistical Table

Churches And Pastors	Clerks And Pastors	Messengers	Received by Baptism	Received by Letter	Received by Relations	Restored to Fellowship	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Ordained Elders	Licentiate	Sunday of Meeting	Month of Communion	Total No. in Fellowship	Contributions
Little River Elder Walter Evans	Paige Wagoner Sparta, NC	Paige Wagoner, Garfield Dillard, Jack Nichols, & Jim Mabe		1			1		2	1		3rd	June	52	$107
Saddle Creek Elder Elmer Sparks	Rose W. Jenkins Independence, VA	Alton Sawyers, Dorothy Sawyers, & Rose W. Jenkins	1						1			4th	July	11	$20
Elk Creek Elder Curtis Hash	Arthur Gambill Sparta, NC	Arthur Gambill, J. R. Gambill, Rose Osborne, & Mary Lineback	1	2					3			2nd	August	29	$50
Rock Creek Elder Bruce Thomas	C. S. McBride Independence, VA	Elder Curtis Hash, Wanda Hash, & C. S. McBride							1	1		1st	August	5	$20
Union Elder Curtis Hash	H. Bayne Caudill Sparta, NC	H. Bayne Caudill, Everett Cox, & Etta Calloway					1					1st	July	6	$40
Cross Roads Elder Curtis Hash	Roy L. Truitt Galax, VA 24333	Leslie Nichols, Tony Truitt, Roy Truitt, & Raymond Nichols	1				1		1	1		1st & 3rd	August	39	$130
Antioch Elder Walter Evans	Cary E. Edwards Sparta, NC	Cary E. Edwards, Carl Williams, Arol Choate, & Roscoe Williams, Jr.	1						1			4th	June	31	$125
Peach Bottom No Pastor	Greene Ward Independence, VA	Arvil Newberry, Roy Roberts, Greene Ward, & Thomas Farmer							2			2nd	July	29	$50
Galax Elder Jess Higgins	Blake Roberts Galax, VA	John Nichols, Fred Hawks, David Fields, & Clifford Roberts	4						3			2nd	August	44	$95

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OF THE

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OF THE

Mountain District Primitive Baptist Association

HELD WITH

Elk Creek Church

SPARTA, NORTH CAROLINA
BEGINNING ON FRIDAY BEFORE THE
FIRST SUNDAY IN SEPTEMBER

1987

NEXT SESSION CONVENES WITH
ROCK CREEK CHURCH
Independence, Virginia

Association will meet at Cross Roads Church House located 7 miles west of Galax, Virginia. Turn off Route #58 (5 miles west of Galax) onto Route #636 and go .3 mile. Turn right on Route #626. Church is just beyond Baywood Elementary School

BEGINNING ON FRIDAY BEFORE THE FIRST SUNDAY IN SEPTEMBER 1988 AT 10:30 A.M.

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Proceedings

OF THE MOUNTAIN DISTRICT PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

The association met with Elk Creek Church for its One Hundred Eighty Ninth Annual Session.

After singing by the congregation and prayer by Elder Lester Faulkner from Chestnut Grove Church the introductory sermon was preached by Elder Curtis Hash. Text, I Corinthians 1:10.

After intermission of one hour during which lunch was served, the messengers assembled in the meeting house to attend to the business of the association. Were called to order with prayer by Elder Bruce Higgins from Cross Roads Church.

1. Called for, received and read letters from the Churches.

2. Called for petitionary letters from other churches of the same faith and order desiring admission to the Association. None came.

3. Organized by move, second and approval to elect Roy L. Truitt Clerk, and Leslie T. Nichols Asst. Clerk.

4. Called for visitors from Sister Associations and Sister Churches. The following came forward and were welcomed to our midst.

SENTER: Brother Bobby Absher, Sister Mary Absher, Sister Lillian Richardson, Sister Louise Burchette, Brother Garvie Davis, Brother Ben Miller and Sister Ermalee Miller, Brother Grover Burchette, Sister Kathleen Burchette, Brother Willard Hartzog, Sister Toby Hartzog, Sister Grace Miller, Sister Ethel Davis, Brother Norman Brown, Sister Dorothy Brown.

LITTLE YADKIN RIVER: Brother Carlton Fulk, Sister Elah Fulk, Brother Johnnie Bates, Sister Ada Shore Bates, Brother Andy James Taylor.

THE ORIGINAL BEAR CREEK: Brother W. S. Walden.

NEW LIBERTY: Brother Finley Ratliff, Sister Bernice Ratliff.

CRAB CREEK CHURCH: Brother Jesse J. Funk, Sister Mabel Funk, Sister Ruby Edwards, Sister Viola Easter, Brother Guthrie Caudill, Sister Polly Caudill.

CHILHOWIE CHURCH: Brother Howard Davis, Sr., Sister Sybil Davis, Brother John Hayden, Sister Margaret Hayden.

FELLOWSHIP CHURCH: Brother Robert Waller, Sister Kathleen Waller.

CHESTNUT GROVE CHURCH: Sister Faith Hawks, Brother Garnet Lyons, Sister Stacy Lyons.

LANDMARK CHURCH: Brother Elzie Reynolds, Sister Ethel Reynolds.

MT. LEBANON: Brother Edward Bowman.

WALNUT COVE CHURCH: Brother Jimmy Haynes.

COMMUNITY CHURCH: Sister Virginia Hylton.

INDIAN CREEK CHURCH: Brother Estel Henley, Sister Clydie Henley.

5. Received minutes from the following Associations: Mt. Zion, Original Bear Creek, Original Mates Creek, Little Yadkin River, Union, Ebenezer, Original Little River of North Carolina, Senter.

6. By move, second and approval the moderator will make all temporary committee appointments for this session:

(a) Preaching Committee: Brethren Jack Nichols, David Fields, John Nichols, Alton Sawyers and Everette Cox, and the messengers from Elk Creek Church: Brother Cecil Wyatt, Sisters Blanch Halsey and Mary Lineback.

(b) Finance Committee: Brethren Blake Roberts, Carl Williams, Thomas Farmer and Elder Walter Evans.

(c) Committee to distribute corresponding minutes: Elder Bruce Higgins and Brother Paris Hackler.

(d) Committee on arrangements: Brethren Page Wagoner, Arol Choate, Junior Williams. By move, second and approval the moderator and clerk to serve on this committee (Elder Curtis Hash, Brethren Roy Truitt and Leslie Nichols).

7. By move, second and approval the Association adjourned until Saturday morning at 10 A.M. Closed with prayer by Elder Dewey Hollingsworth from Original Upper Canoochee Association.

SATURDAY, September 5, 1987

After singing by the congregation and prayer by Elder Norvel Mann from Indian Creek Church of West Virginia:

1. Called roll of messengers and marked off those that were absent.

2. Called for visitors, those that came forward were added to Friday's list.

3. Called for committee on arrangements to report. They recommend the following:

(a) To have 800 copies of these minutes printed and distributed as usual.

(b) Next session of the Association to convene with Rock Creek Church. Association will be held at Cross Roads Church meeting house located 7 miles west of Galax, Va. Take Rt. #58 west from Galax for 5 miles. Left on Rt. #636 for .3 mile. Turn right on Rt. #626 and church just beyond Baywood Elementary School.

(c) To have a memoriam of our deceased members printed in the minutes. Also obituaries and pictures that are requested by the churches.

(d) Committee for disposition of Barton's Cross Roads Church building reported the Circuit Court of Grayson County has sold the property to Ralph B. Russell and Joyce J. Russell for the purchase price of $5,939.50. The proceeds of this sale was paid to the trustees of Barton's Cross Roads Cemetery (Leonard Isaac Greer, Bill C. Greer, Larry Franklin Greer and James Alex Cole).

By move, second and approval the recommendations of the committee on arrangements were adopted.

4. Committee on finance gave the following report and were discharged when their duties were completed.

Received from the churches	$655.00
For printing of minutes	$585.72
Gave to moderator	50.00
Gave to clerk	25.00
Gave to assistant clerk	25.00
Balance in treasury from last year	489.51
Special Deposit	25.00
Balance in treasury to carry over for next year	$483.79

Received from Brethren, Sisters, and Friends $895.00 which was distributed to visiting elders.

5. Committee to distribute corresponding minutes made their report and were discharged.

6. Committee on preaching made their report and were discharged when their duties were completed.

Friday afternoon: Elder Cecil Darity; Matthew 12:22-37
Elder Tom Pitney dismissed with prayer.

Friday night: Elder Gene Thomas opened with prayer.
Elder Don Wheat, Psalms 32:1.
Elder George McNure, John 4:24.
Elder Eugene Bennett, II Peter 1:1.
Elder Sexton Pope dismissed with prayer.

Saturday morning: Elder Norvel Mann opened with prayer.
Elder Franklin Oresta
Elder Lasserre Bradley Jr.

Saturday afternoon: Elder Harvey Carpenter, Joshua 7:5
Elder Gene Thomas, Romans 5:21

Saturday night: Elder Elbert Hunter opened with prayer.
Elder Tom Pitney, no special text
Elder Mark Thomas, Isaiah 52:1
Elder Nick Harrell, Mark 10:17
Elder Walter Evans dismissed with prayer.

Sunday morning: Elder Gene Thomas opened with prayer.
Elder Sexton Pope, Galatians 1:1
Elder Cecil Darity, no special text
Elder Jess Higgins dismissed with prayer.

7. By move, second, and approval the clerk was appointed as treasurer and to superintend the printing of these minutes.

8. Resolve that we return thanks first to God, then to Brethren, Sisters, and Friends for their hospitality and kindness during this association.

9. These minutes were read and approved.

10. By move, second, and approval the Association adjourned to the time and place of the next meeting. Closed with prayer by Elder Bruce Higgins from Cross Roads Church.

Elder Curtis Hash, Moderator
Roy L. Truitt, Clerk

Thus closed the One Hundred and Eighty Ninth session of the Mountain District Association in peace and fellowship. Each minister who filled the stand was wonderfully blessed to preach the gospel in its purity and love to a large congregation.

Roy L. Truitt, Clerk

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COMMUNION TIMES

ANTIOCH ..... Sunday Following, June, 4th Saturday
LITTLE RIVER .. Sunday Following, June, 3rd Saturday
UNION ..... July, 1st Sunday
PEACH BOTTOM ... Sunday Following, July, 2nd Saturday
SADDLE CREEK ..... July, 4th Sunday
ROCK CREEK ..... August, 1st Sunday
GALAX ..... August, 2nd Sunday
ELK CREEK ..... August, 2nd Sunday
CROSS ROADS ..... August, 3rd Sunday

MEMORIAM

It is with sadness and grief that we pause in the solemn tribute to our dear members who have passed away since our last association. Even though our hearts are grieved now, we rejoice in the glorious hope that there is an eternal city not made with hands beyond this life, where we will ever be with the Lord, where there will be no sadness and farewells.

ANTIOCH ..... Carrie Williams Billings
Fannie Burchett
Troy Kilby Irvin
Myra Irwin Watson
GALAX ..... Marvin Edmond Smythers
Howard Roy Marshall
Mabel Sutphin Jennings
LITTLE RIVER ..... John Marion Walker
James Clark Evans
Laura Jane Brown
ELK CREEK ..... Arthur Thompson Gambill

CARRIE WILLIAMS BROOKS BILLINGS

Carrie Williams Brooks Billings was born September 17, 1904, and departed this life October 11th, 1986, making her stay on earth 82 years and 24 days. She was the daughter of Elder John and Lou Williams.

She was married to Andy Brooks. Unto this union were born three children: one son - Odis Brooks of Aberdeen, Md.; two daughters, Mrs. Annie Madge Roark of Aberdeen, Md., and Mrs. Lois Brooks of Massillon, Ohio; ten grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren. She was later married to Elmore Billings who preceded her in death.

She united with Antioch Primitive Baptist Church May 9th, 1951, where she remained a member until death. Sister Carrie's life like most of us was mixed with joys and sorrows. The silver cord has now been loosed and her spirit has gone to God who gave it. Her body is now numbered with the dead to be raised in blessed immortality at the resurrection of the dead.

She leaves her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, other relatives and friends to mourn her passing. Her funeral was conducted at Antioch Primitive Baptist Church by Elders Walter Evans and Jess Higgins. Her body was laid to rest in the church cemetery to await the resurrection morn.

Written by request,
Elder Walter Evans

FANNIE BURCHETT

Fannie Burchett was born May 23, 1908, and died November 8, 1986. She joined Antioch Church August 28, 1954 and was baptized by Elder Walter Evans and Elder A. C. Walker.

TROY KILBY IRVIN

Troy Kilby Irvin was born August 2, 1901 and passed away April 24, 1987. Brother Troy and his wife, Eula, united with Antioch Primitive Baptist Church September 11, 1966 and were baptized by Elders Roy Boles and Ruebin Hawks, Jr. Sister Eula had preceded him in death and since her passing Troy had been very lonely. He talked often about her, longing for the day when he would be by her side, in Antioch Church Cemetery.

It was a great privilege to know this humble man. He was a gentleman and very considerate of his fellowman. Troy shed many tears in life, some of them for joy and of course many of them for sorrow. His faith was real and sustained him through all of his sorrows and pains.

Brother Troy is survived by one son, Harold Irvin of Christiansburg, Va.; two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; three sisters, Maude Richardson, Laura Douglas, both of Sparta, N.C., and Zora Crouse, Penns Grove, N.J.

Troy's funeral was held at Antioch Church on April 26, 1987 by Elder Jess B. Higgins and his body laid to rest in the Antioch Church Cemetery.

Written by request,
Elder Jess B. Higgins

MYRA IRWIN WATSON

On Monday, February 16, 1987, the death angel called Myra Irwin Watson from his world of trouble to a blessed and peaceful home, making her stay on earth 82 years. She was born July 24, 1904, to Bill Irwin and Mat Estep Irwin. She was married to John Reeves Watson. She had a little daughter that preceded her in death several years ago.

She received a sweet hope in Jesus and joined Antioch Primitive Baptist Church October 1926. She was a loyal Christian and so faithful to her church. Her Christian influence and gentle spirit will always remain with those who knew and loved her. She was a good neighbor and took care and helped so many old and young, as she went about her daily duties. Her loving and kind spirit reminded us of her Savior who came to minister to the needy. She was always helping those in need. Her greatest desire was to help her family and neighbors and make everyone happy. She was so kind and gracious and always had a word of comfort for everyone.

We will miss the sound of her sweet voice but realize she is happy with her Dear Savior. She leaves to mourn her loss a foster daughter, Jean Spurlin, sister-in-law, Elzoria Caudill, five nieces, one nephew and a host of friends.

By Maud Andrews

MARVIN EDMOND SMYTHERS

Marvin Edmond Smythers was born in Carroll County, Va., May 8, 1914, and passed away January 30, 1987, making his stay on this earth 72 years, 8 months and 22 days. He was married on September 21, 1935 and to this union was born two daughters.

Brother Marvin and his wife, Sister Vera, united with Galax

Primitive Baptist Church on June 9, 1979 and he was faithful to this profession as long as he lived. He was very aware of the fact that this life was temporal and often spoke of that fact. It was always a joy to be around Marvin, for he loved to laugh as well as cry. Marvin loved life, his wife and children, but most of all he loved the Lord Jesus Christ. He had many friends as was manifest when a large crowd congregated for his funeral service.

Marvin Edmond Smythers

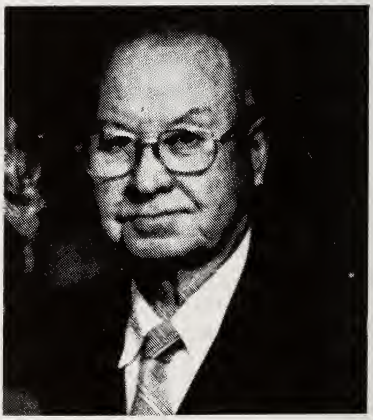
Brother Marvin's funeral was held at Vaughan-Guynn Chapel, Galax, Va., on February 1, 1987 by Elders Jess B. Higgins and Ronnie Bowman, and his body laid to rest in Pickett Cemetery in Carroll County.

He leaves to mourn his passing his dear wife, Vera Smythers, two daughters, Linda Cox and Barbara Newman, four sisters, Gladys Lineberry, Goldie Harmon, Maggie Sharpe, Faye Bryant, two brothers, Vinton Smythers and Carl Smythers, also two grandsons.

We will all miss Brother Marvin but we also realize that our loss is his gain. May God bless his entire surviving family.

Written by request, Elder Jess B. Higgins

HOWARD ROY MARSHALL



Howard Roy Marshall was born in Carroll Co., Va., on June 30, 1910 and passed this life on March 23, 1987, making his stay on this earth 76 years, 9 months and 23 days. Brother Howard had heard preaching, especially Primitive Baptist, all of his life and could make conversation about many of the old preachers that have been dead for many years.

Brother Howard and his wife, Sister Ola, united with Galax Primitive Baptist Church on

August 21, 1983. Howard was faithful to this profession until death. It was always a great joy to visit with Brother Howard and hear him and Ola talk of the many things that had happened to them in life. He was a good conversationalist, remembering many of the things that had taken place in Carroll Co., Va.

Brother Howard's funeral was held at Vaughan-Guynn Chapel on March 25, 1987, by Elder Edd B. Higgins and his body laid to rest in Monta Vista Memory Gardens in Galax, Va.

He is survived by his dear wife, Ola Weddle Marshall; one daughter, "Bobbie" Crouse; one son, Billy Marshall; two sisters, Minnie Shropshire, Goldie Thomas; one brother, Royce Marshall; three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. May God bless his entire surviving family.

Written by request, Elder Jess B. Higgins

MABEL SUTPHIN JENNINGS

Mabel Sutphin Jennings was born on May 5, 1914, in Floyd County, Va., to the late Floyd R. Sutphin and Mae Quesenberry Sutphin and passed this life on August 8, 1987, making her stay on this earth 73 years, three months and three days.

Sister Mabel united with Galax Primitive Baptist Church on August 19, 1973, and was baptized on September 16, 1973. She was janitor of Galax Church for many years, even before she united with the church and remained at this, until she became disabled approximately two years ago. Sister Jennings manifested a great love for the church traveling many miles to church, always receiving great blessings in her efforts. Upon passing by Galax Primitive Baptist Church one day this writer noticed that the door was open. I stopped and went in to find Sister Mabel there, cleaning the church. I mentioned to her that this was a lot of hard work; thinking that she probably needed some help. She said with tears in her eyes that she loved every minute of this and if she needed help that she would let us know.

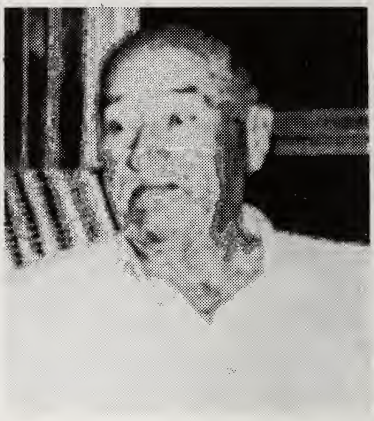
Sister Mabel will be missed greatly by her family and members of Galax Primitive Baptist Church. It is with a sad heart that we say good-bye to Mabel, but we have a sweet hope, that we will meet her again in a better world.

Her funeral service was held on August 10, 1987 at Galax Primitive Baptist Church by Elder Jess B. Higgins and her body laid to rest in Pleasant Grove Cemetery near Independence, Va., to await the glorious resurrection day.

May God bless her entire surviving family.

Written by request, Elder Jess B. Higgins

JOHN MARION WALKER



Marion was born to Elder A. Ford Walker and Alice Kennedy Walker December 9, 1906 and passed away October 24, 1986. He had four lovely daughters living, two brothers, and four sisters. His wife Eva Ennis Walker died February 17, 1986. His oldest daughter's husband Leonard (Chip) Simmons which was near and dear to him passed away June 28, 1986, making all three the same year. Marion along with a blood sister was baptized by Elders Walter Evans and Dewey Roten into the fellowship of Little River Church in Sparta, N.C. several years ago. He believed strongly in the sovereignty of God, claiming no righteousness of his own.

One of his daughters was by his bedside in the hospital when he passed from this life. She said Daddy, you are going to be with Mama. His reply was it is not by any good I have ever done. According to some of his family that was with him a few days before passing, he heard singing, that they could not hear. His funeral was at Union Hill Church by Elders John A. Harrold and Kemp Walker. Even though he was not perfect, he had a heart of gold, much much good can be said about him.

Submitted by Elder Kemp Walker

JAMES CLARK EVANS

James Clark Evans was born April 10, 1900, died January 10, 1987, making his stay on earth 86 years, 9 months. He was married to May Norman May 9, 1920. They have one daughter, Mrs. Norma Jane Wagoner.

He had been a member of Little River Primitive Baptist Church about thirty-seven (37) years, and was a faithful and devoted member until death. Brother Clark was not only a

good church member, but a wonderful man in general and his character was above reproach. He is greatly missed by all of us.

He is survived by his wife and daughter, and one grandson, several nieces and nephews. His funeral was held at Little River Church by Elder Walter Evans and Elder Tim Brooks. His body was laid to rest in the Sparta Cemetery to await the resurrection of the dead.

By request, Elder Walter Evans

LAURA JANE EVANS BROWN

Laura Jane (Evans) Brown was born July 13, 1892, departed this life January 4, 1987, making her stay on earth 94 years, 5 months, 21 days. She was married to Luther Brown August 4th, 1920. Unto this union was born one daughter, Mrs. Ruby Billings. She joined New Salem Regular Baptist Church in early life. She later united with Little River Primitive Baptist Church October 18, 1952, where she remained a faithful and devoted member until death.

She is survived by her daughter, Mrs. Ruby Billings; six grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren, a number of nieces, nephews and friends to mourn her passing.

Her funeral was held at Grand-View Memorial Chapel by Elders Walter Evans, Tim Brooks and Junior Billings. Her body was laid to rest in Landmark Church Cemetery to await the resurrection of the dead.

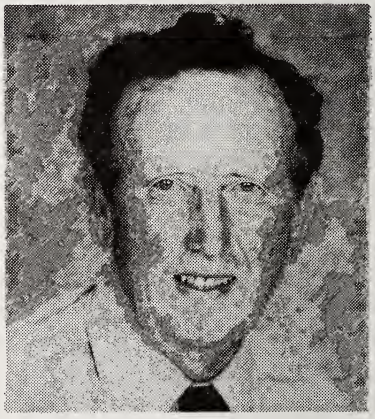
Written by request, Elder Walter Evans

ARTHUR THOMPSON GAMBILL

Mr. Arthur Thompson Gambill, 74, died at Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem. He was born in Alleghany County, March 13, 1913, to Robert Cleve and Maude McMillan Gambill. He was a lifelong resident and farmer of Alleghany County. He was a member of Elk Creek Primitive Baptist Church, serving as its clerk for more than 35 years. Mr. Gambill was a member of the Lions Club and a director of Yadkin Valley Dairies for several years. He was an ac-

tive member of the Democratic Party. He served as a member of the Alleghany County Board of Education for 12 years, serving as chairman for 10 years. He received first place in the Northwest Area Outstanding Conservationist Farmer of the Year in 1969. Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Lula Doss Gambill, of the home; two daughters, Mrs. Mary Jane Doughton, Sparta, and mrs. Patricia Ann Polley, Juneau, Alaska; his mother, Mrs. Maude McMillan Gambill, Sparta; two sisters, Mrs. Dorothy Lepley, Baltimore, Md., and Mrs. Marye Lineback, Winston-Salem, and three brothers, Dale Gambill, Tam Gambill and Robert Gambill, all of Sparta. Funeral services were held at Elk Creek Primitive Baptist Church by Elder Jess Higgins, Elder Tim Brooks and Elder Walter Evans. Burial was in the church cemetery.

ELDER ELMER RAY SPARKS



Elder Sparks, 74, of Sparta, died on Monday morning, December 30, 1985, at his home.

He was born on June 21, 1911, to Elder John Carlton Sparks and Virginia Edwards Sparks in Sparta, North Carolina, where he lived for most of his life.

He was married to Golar Wagoner on September 7, 1932, in Independence, Virginia. To this union were born six children — three sons, Hoyt (D. F.) Sparks of Antioch, Tennessee, James B. Sparks of Winston Salem, North Carolina, and Wayne C. Sparks of Sparta, North Carolina; three daughters, Eula Ray Cook of Winston Salem, North Carolina, Bonnie Sue Sparks of Rural Hall, North Carolina, and Shelda Jean Upchurch of Sparta, North Carolina. Also surviving are one sister, Mrs. Tressie Edwards; one brother, John Lee Sparks, both of Galax, Virginia; fifteen grandchildren; three step-grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

The funeral service was held at 2 p.m. January 1, 1986 at the Cross Roads Primitive Baptist Church at Baywood, Virginia, where he was a member. Elder Curtis D. Hash and Elder Eddie Lyles officiated in the service. The body was laid to rest in the Antioch Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery, Sparta, North Carolina.

He united with the Primitive Baptist Church on Saturday, April 10, 1954, and on Easter Sunday, April 18, 1954 he was baptized. He loved the Primitive Baptist people very much. Wherever he traveled, he strived to bring peace and unity to the Lord's people. He was ordained as an elder at Cross Roads Primitive Baptist Church on February 16, 1974. He became joint pastor of Woodruff Primitive Baptist Church shortly after his ordination. There he remained joint pastor with Elder Eddie Lyles until his death in December. He was pastor of Saddle Creek Primitive Baptist Church (Mountain District Association), Independence, Virginia for several years. He will be missed by his churches and friends. They have lost a faithful and humble leader. In the last year of his ministry, he often went to church when he was unable to go.

On one occasion, he was released from the hospital to go to church, and after the service, he was taken back to the hospital. He was chaplain for the Sparta, North Carolina, Rescue Squad for several years. He served as a reliable member of the squad.

He worked hard farming and doing construction work to raise his family. He was a faithful husband to his wife and a kind and loving father to his children and grandchildren. He was a good neighbor, always ready to help in any way he could in the time of need. He lived an upright and honest life.

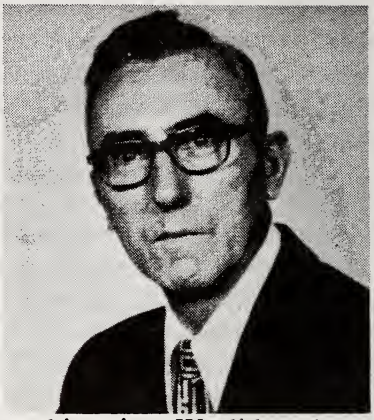
I have been Elder Spark's pastor for several years. In those years, I have grown very close to him. I will miss him greatly both in my ministry and as a close friend. He was strong in the faith that "by grace are ye saved, through faith and that not of yourself, it is the gift of God."

He remained a faithful servant of the church until his last day. At Saddle Creek Primitive Baptist Church on Sunday morning, December 29, 1985, Elder Sparks preached his last and one of his most able sermons. The following morning, he passed away in his sleep from a heart attack.

Brother Sparks often said he prayed that, when his time came, God would have mercy on him and take him in his sleep. God did have mercy on him and granted him that prayer.

Written by Elder Curtis D. Hash

ELDER BRUCE THOMAS



Elder Bruce Thomas was born in Surry Co., N.C., to the late Grover C. and Zilpha Jones Thomas, on March 15, 1915 and passed away July 2, 1987. Elder Thomas united with the Primitive Baptist in 1943 and began preaching in March 1947.

It was my happy privilege to know Bro. Bruce since 1957. He was one of the most gentle people you could ever know. Elder Thomas was very special to many people and was very special to this writer. We did not have to wonder where he stood on things; because he always was for peace and truth. At his passing I along with many other people, were made very sad. After wondering for several days why I was so sad at Bruce's passing, I finally realized I was sad for myself. We would have to go on without him and this made me very sad. Bruce was one of the finest people that ever lived and a wonderful preacher; living what he preached every day of his life. He believed in salvation by grace (Eph. 2:8) and that not of yourselves. He humbly defended these principles for over forty years; also believing and teaching that there is salvation, comfort, peace, and joy to God's people in this "time life", who hear and obey the commandments of God, as set forth in the scripture (1st Timothy 4:16, 6:12 and also in Acts 2:40). He taught that eternal life was the gift of God; bestowing the same, as was purposed and planned, by the election of God from before the foundation of the world. We would all do well to remember the things Elder Thomas taught and to remember the life that he lived, as his life was after the teachings of Jesus. Bruce pastored four churches most of his ministerial life and was pastor of four churches at his death, they being Rock Creek Church near Independence, Va., Cedar Hill Church near Pilot Mtn., N.C., Hogan's Creek Church near Pilot Mtn., N.C., and Chestnut Grove Church, Lambsburg, Va., of which he was a member at his death.

Elder Thomas's funeral was held on July 5, 1987 at Chestnut Grove Primitive Baptist Church at Lambsburg, Va., by Elders Jess B. Higgins and William Joyce, Jr. The church building was completely filled and many people could not get into the building.

He is survived by his loving and dear wife, Bessie S. Thomas who always stood at Bro. Bruce's side through all the ups and downs of his over 40 years of preaching. He is also survived bv one daughter, Lois Jean Hall; two sons, Virgil J. Thomas and H. B. Thomas, Jr.; also five grandchildren and one great-grandson; one sister and three brothers.

Elder Thomas's body was laid to rest in Felts Memorial Cemetery in Galax, Va., to await the glorious resurrection day, which he believed in with all his heart.

So-long, Brother Bruce, for a little season, we hope to see you soon.

Written by request, Elder Jess B. Higgins

RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

2. A Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

3. Only one person shall speak at a time, who shall arise from his seat and address the moderator when he is about to make his speech.

4. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by any except the Moderator till he is done speaking.

5. He shall strictly adhere to the subject, and in no wise reflect on the person who spoke before, so as to make remarks on his slips, failings, or imperfections; but shall fairly state the matter as nearly as he can so as to convey his light or ideas.

6. No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the association without liberty obtained from it.

7. No person shall rise and speak more than three times on one subject without liberty obtained from the Association.

8. No member of the Association shall have liberty of laughing during the sitting of the same, nor whispering in the time of public speech.

9. No member of the Association shall address another in any appellation but the title of Brother.

10. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member in his speech or prohibit him from speaking till he gives his light on the subject, except he break the rules of this Decorum.

11. The names of the several members of the Association shall

be enrolled by the Clerk and called over as often as the Association requires.

12. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speech as any other member, provided the chair be filled, and he shall not vote unless the Association be equally divided.

13. That any member who shall willfully and knowingly break these rules shall be reproved by the Association as they think proper.

CONSTITUTION

1. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union, and duly sent to represent them in the Association who shall be members whom they judge best qualified for that purpose, and producing letters from their respective churches, certifying their appointment, shall be entitled to a seat.

2. In the letters from the different churches there shall be expressed their number in full fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, dismissed, excommunicated and dead since the last Association.

3. The members thus chosen and convened shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor shall they have any ecclesiastical power over the churches, nor shall they infringe on any of the internal rights of any church into the union.

4. The Association, when convened, shall be governed by a proper Decorum.

5. The Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk who shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present. In the absence of the Moderator, the Clerk shall stand as a Moderator until a new Moderator can be elected.

6. Any church may be admitted into this union, who shall petition by letter and messengers, and upon examination, if found orthodox and orderly, shall be received by the Association, and manifested by the Moderator giving the messengers the right hand of fellowship.

7. Every church in the union shall be entitled to representation in the Association.

8. Every query presented by any member of the Association shall be once read and before it be debated the Moderator shall put it to vote, and, if there be a majority for its being debated, it

shall be taken into consideration and be deliberated, but, if there be a majority against it, it shall be withdrawn.

9. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

10. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with the minutes of the Association, the best method for effecting that purpose shall be at the discretion of the future associations.

11. We think it absolutely necessary that we should have an Associational fund for defraying the expenses of the same, for the raising and supporting of which we think it the duty of each church in the union to contribute voluntarily such sums as they think proper, and send by the hands of their messengers to the Association, and the money thus contributed by the churches and received by the Association shall be deposited in the hands of a treasurer by the Association who shall be accountable to the Association for all money by him received and paid out according to the direction of the Association.

12. There shall be an Association Book kept, wherein the proceedings of every Association shall be regularly recorded by a secretary appointed by the Association, who may receive a compensation yearly for his trouble.

13. The minutes of the Association shall be read and corrected, if need be, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association arises.

14. Amendments to this plan or form of government may be made at any time by a majority of the union, when they deem it necessary.

15. The Association shall have power (1) To provide for the general union of the churches; (2) To endeavor to preserve invoilably a chain of communion among the churches; (3) To give the churches all necessary advice in matters of difficulty; (4) To inquire into the cause why churches fail to represent themselves at any time in the Association; (5) To appropriate the means contributed by the churches for an Associational Fund to any purpose they may think proper; (6) To withdraw from any church in the union which shall violate the rules of this decorum or deviate from the orthodox principles of our religion; (7) To admit any of the distant brethren in the ministry who may be present, to assist in the transaction of business during their setting; (8) To adjourn themselves to any future time and place they may think most convenient to the churches in the union.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in only one true and living God, and that there are three persons in the Godhead, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.

2. We believe that the scriptures of the Old and New Testament, as translated in 1611 into the King James Version of the Holy Bible, is the written word of God and the only rule of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the doctrine of eternal and particular election.

4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.

5. We believe in man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature of his own free will and ability.

6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ.

7. We believe that God's elect are called, converted, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

8. We believe the saints are preserved in Jesus Christ and called and shall never fall finally away.

9. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that true believers are the only subjects of these ordinances, and that the true mode of baptism is by immersion.

10. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, both of the just and the unjust, and a general judgment and the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting and the joys of the righteous will be eternal.

11. We believe that no minister has the right to administer the ordinances only such as are regularly called and come under the imposition of hands by the presbytery, and in fellowship with a church of our faith and order.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

UNION CHURCH, Whitehead, North Carolina: Located four miles southwest of Sparta, NC on Route 18. White, frame building on south side of No. 18.

GALAX CHURCH, Galax, Virginia: Located at the intersection of Painter and McArthur Streets.

SADDLE CREEK CHURCH, Independence, Virginia: Located four miles west of Independence on Route 58. White, frame building on south side of No. 58.

CROSS ROADS CHURCH, Baywood, Virginia: Located seven miles west of Galax, Virginia. Turn off Route No. 58 (five miles west of Galax) onto Route No. 636 for .3 mile. Turn right on Route No. 626, and church is just beyond Baywood Elementary School.

LITTLE RIVER CHURCH, Sparta, North Carolina: Located on Memorial Park Drive, one block east of Route 21.

ROCK CREEK CHURCH, Independence, Virginia: Located two miles east of Independence. Turn off Route 58 onto Route 274 for one mile. Turn left onto Route 685 for one mile and church is on the right.

PEACH BOTTOM CHURCH, Independence, Virginia: Located one mile north of Independence at intersection of Route No. 21 and 654.

ANTIOCH CHURCH, Stratford, North Carolina: Located six miles southwest of Sparta, NC. Turn off Route 221 onto Route 1167 (Antioch Church Road), go two miles, turn left on Route 1163. Just .4 mile to brick church on left of road.

ELK CREEK CHURCH, Sparta, North Carolina: Located five miles west of Sparta. From Route 21 at Twin Oaks, North Carolina, take 221 south, turn right on Route No. 93, just two miles to church on right of road.

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CHURCHES AND PASTORS	CLERKS AND ADDRESSES	MESSENGERS	Received by Baptism	Received by Letter	Received by Relations	Restored to Fellowship	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Ordained Elders	Licentiate	Sunday of Meeting	Month of Communion	Total No. in Fellowship	Contributions
ROCK CREEK Elder Curtis Hash	Wanda Hash Independence, Va.	Elder Curtis Hash Wanda Hash								1		1st	Aug.	4	20.00
UNION Elder Curtis Hash	H. Bayne Caudill Sparta, N. C.	Everette Cox, H. Bayne Caudill Etta Calloway										1st	July	6	42.00
CROSS ROADS Elder Curtis Hash	Roy L. Truitt Galax, Va.	Leslie Nichols, Elder Bruce Higgins Roy Truitt, Raymond Nichols								1		1st & 3rd	Aug.	36	130.00
ANTIOCH Elder Walter Evans	Carl Williams Sparta, N. C.	Arol Choate, Carl Williams, Junior Williams, Ben Weaver, Alt.		1					4			4th	June	26	105.00
PEACH BOTTOM Elder Lester Faulkner	Arvel Newberry Independence, Va.	Paris Hackler, Thomas Farmer, Arvel Newberry, Green Ward, Alt.										2nd	July	28	50.00
GALAX Elder Jess Higgins	Blake Roberts Galax, Va.	John Nichols, David Fields, Blake Roberts, James Adkins, Alt.	1						3			2nd	Aug.	42	86.00
LITTLE RIVER Elder Walter Evans	Page Wagoner Sparta, N. C.	Elder Walter Evans, Page Wagoner Jack Nichols, Elder Tim Brooks, Alt.	2			1			3	2		3rd	June	51	142.00
SADDLE CREEK Elder Curtis Hash	Rose W. Jenkins Independence, Va.	Alton Sawyers, Dorothy Sawyers Rose Jenkins										4th	July	10	$ 20.00
ELK CREEK Elder Curtis Hash	Cecil Wyatt Sparta, N. C.	Cecil Wyatt, Blanche Wyatt Mary Lineback							1			2nd	Aug.	28	60.00

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Minutes

OF THE

One Hundred and Ninetieth Annual Session

OF THE

Mountain District Primitive Baptist Association

HELD WITH

Rock Creek Church

INDEPENDENCE, VIRGINIA
BEGINNING ON FRIDAY BEFORE THE FIRST SUNDAY IN SEPTEMBER

1988

NEXT SESSION CONVENES WITH
CROSS ROADS CHURCH

Located 7 miles West of Galax, Virginia. Turn off Rt. #58 (5 miles west of Galax) onto Route #636 and go .3 mile. Turn right on Rt. #626. Church is just beyond Baywood Elementary School.

BEGINNING ON FRIDAY BEFORE THE FIRST SUNDAY IN SEPTEMBER 1989 AT 10:30 A.M.

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Proceedings

OF THE MOUNTAIN DISTRICT PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

The association met with Rock Creek Church for its One Hundred Ninetieth Annual Session.

After singing by the congregation and prayer by Elder Bruce Higgins from Cross Roads Church the introductory sermon was preached by Elder Lasserre Bradley Jr. Text, Isaiah 62:10.

After intermission of one hour during which lunch was served, the messengers assembled in the meeting house to attend to the business of the association. Were called to order with prayer by Elder Gene Thomas from Mud Creek Association.

1. Called for, received and read letters from the Churches.

2. Called for petitionary letters from other churches of the same faith and order desiring admission to the Association. None came.

3. Organized by move, second and approval to elect Roy Truitt Clerk and Leslie Nichols Asst. Clerk. Move was made by Brother Raymond Nichols to rescind the 1984 motion to let moderator of host church stand as moderator of the Association and to have vote for moderator. Motion seconded by Elder Walter Evans and passed by vote. Elder Gus Harter was appointed as Moderator Pro-Tem and asked for nominations. Move by Brother Leslie Nichols and second by Brother John Nichols, Elder Curtis Hash was nominated. Move by Brother Raymond Nichols and second by Elder Walter Evans, Elder Tim Brooks was nominated. Elder Tim Brooks was elected by vote of 12 to 10.

4. Called for visitors from Sister Associations and Sister Churches. The following came forward and were welcomed to our midst.

THE ORIGINAL BEAR CREEK: Brother Jerry Carpenter, Brother Carl J. Haigler

ORIGINAL MT. ENON: Brother Woodrow Burgess, Sister Monnie Burgess

MT. ZION: Sister Pauline Angle, Sister Mary F. Corbin

SENTER: Brother Ben Miller, Sister Ernalee Miller

UPPER CANOOCHEE: Elder George McNure, Sister Laverne McNure

NEW LIBERTY: Brother Finley Ratliff, Sister Bernice Ratliff

CHESTNUT GROVE CHURCH: Sister Bessie Thomas

COMMUNITY CHURCH: Brother Willie Hylton, Sister Virginia Hylton, Sister Madeline Shirley, Sister Elaine K. Goard

CRAB CREEK CHURCH: Brother Guthrie Caudill, Sister Polly Caudill, Brother Amon Choate, Sister Naoma Choate, Sister Lillie Edwards, Brother Jesse Funk, Sister Mabel Funk, Sister Viola Easter, Sister Ruby Edwards

CHILHOWIE CHURCH: Brother Howard Davis Sr., Sister Sibyl Davis, Brother Jessie T. Adams

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LANDMARK CHURCH: Brother Elzie Reynolds, Sister Ethel Reynolds

MT. CARMEL CHURCH: Sister Elsie Kupisch

MOUNT OLIVE CHURCH: Sister Joyce V. Hodges

WALNUT COVE CHURCH: Brother Jimmy Haynes, Brother Raymond Bibey, Brother Paul Lemons

ABBOTTS CREEK CHURCH: Brother Steve Bullard

LITTLE YADKIN: Brother James Taylor, Sister Ada S. Bates, Brother Johnnie Bates, Brother Carlton Fulk, Sister Elah Fulk

5. Received minutes from the following Associations: Mt. Zion, Original Bear Creek, Original Mates Creek, Little Yadkin River, Union, Ebenezer, Senter, Saint Clair's Bottom.

6. By move, second and approval the moderator will make all temporary committee appointments for this session.

(a) Preaching Committee: Brethren F. G. Dillard, Carl Williams, Raymond Nichols, Thomas Farmer, Dennis Day, Elder Curtis Hash.

(b) Finance Committee: Brethren John Nichols, Page Wagoner, Everett Cox, Arvel Newberry.

(c) Committee to distribute corresponding minutes: Brethren Cecil Wyatt. Bayne Caudill, Alton Sawyers and Norman Brown.

(d) Committee on arrangements: Brethren Junior Williams,

Green Ward, Leslie Nichols, Blake Roberts and Elder Walter Evans.

7. By move, second and approval the Association adjourned until Saturday morning at 10:00 A.M. Closed with prayer by Elder Gus Harter from Friendship Association in Georgia.

SATURDAY, September 3, 1988

After singing by the congregation and prayer by Elder Norvel Mann from Indian Creek Church of West Virginia:

1. Called roll of messengers and marked off those that were absent.

2. Called for visitors, those that came forward were added to Friday's list.

3. Called for committee on arrangements to report. They recommend the following:

(a) To have 750 copies of these minutes printed and distributed as usual.

(b) Next session of the Association to convene with Cross Roads Church at Baywood, Virginia, located 7 miles west of Galax, Virginia. Turn off Rt. #58 (5 miles west of Galax) onto Rt. #636 and go .3 mile. Turn right on Rt. #626. Church is just beyond Baywood Elementary School.

(c) To have a memoriam of our deceased members printed in the minutes. Also obituaries and pictures that are requested by the churches.

By move, second and approval the recommendations of the committee on arrangements were adopted.

4. Committee on finance gave the following report and were discharged when their duties were completed.

Received from the churches	$674.00
For printing of minutes	590.39
Gave to Visiting Ministers	337.00
Balance in treasury from last year	483.79
Balance in treasury to carry over for next year	230.40
Received from Brethren, Sisters, and Friends which was distributed to visiting Elders.	773.00

5. Committee to distribute corresponding minutes made their report and were discharged.

6. Committee on preaching made their report and were discharged when their duties were completed.

Friday afternoon: Elder Gus Harter, Ephesians 1:3
Elder Harvey Carpenter dismissed with prayer.

Friday night: Prayer, Elder Raymond Wyatt
Elder Manning Temples - Hebrews 9:1
Elder Herman Jordan - Romans 8:32

Saturday morning: Prayer, Elder Norvel Mann
Elder James Land - Job 19
Elder A. J. Hylton - Acts 16:67

Saturday afternoon: Prayer, Elder Walter Evans
Elder E. W. Hooven - Galatians 6:11
Elder Eugene Bennett - Ephesians 1:1
Elder Norvel Mann dismissed with prayer.

Saturday night: Prayer by Elder Bruce Higgins
Elder George McNure - John 17:20
Elder Gene Thomas dismissed with prayer.

Sunday morning: Prayer by Elder Walter Evans
Elder Gene Thomas - Titus 3:8
Elder Jess Higgins - 1st Corinthians 13:1
Elder Tim Brooks dismissed with prayer.

7. By move, second, and approval the clerk was appointed as treasurer and to superintend the printing of these minutes.

8. Resolve that we return thanks first to God, then to Brethren, Sisters, and Friends for their hospitality and kindness during this association.

9. These minutes were read and approved.

10. By move, second, and approval the Association adjourned to the time and place of the next meeting. Closed with prayer by Elder Walter Evans from Little River Church.

Elder Tim Brooks, Moderator
Roy Truitt, Clerk

Thus closed the One Hundred and Ninetieth session of the Mountain District Association. Each minister who filled the stand was wonderfully blessed to preach the gospel in its purity and love to a large congregation.

Roy Truitt, Clerk

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COMMUNION TIMES

ANTIOCH ..... Sunday Following, June, 4th Saturday
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ELK CREEK ..... August, 2nd Sunday
CROSS ROADS ..... August, 3rd Sunday

MEMORIAM

It is with sadness and grief that we pause in the solemn tribute to our dear members who have passed away since our last association. Even though our hearts are grieved now, we rejoice in the glorious hope that there is an eternal city not made with hands beyond this life, where we will ever be with the Lord, where there will be no sadness and farewells.

GALAX ..... Delphia Anne Shockley
David Fred Hawks
Sam King
Clifford James Roberts
Carl T. Cummings

LITTLE RIVER ..... George Reeves Douglas
Bessie McMillan

ELK CREEK ..... Rose Staton Osborne

CROSS ROADS ..... Lois O'Donald Murray

MISS DELPHIA ANNE SHOCKLEY

Sister Delphia Anne Shockley was baptized into the fellowship of Galax Primitive Baptist Church in 1932. She was faithful to attend her church and sister churches as long as her health permitted. Sister Delphia was a real Christian, doing many charitable things that were often unnoticed by the public. As her pastor I soon learned the goodness and virtues that belonged to this gentle woman.

Delphia taught school in the area around Galax for 50 years. Anytime there was a need for finances in the church she was among the first to do her part. When the picnic shelter was built she gave a generous offering.

Sister Shockley passed this life on March 9, 1988 at Waddell Nursing Home where she had resided for several years. Her funeral service was held on March 12, 1988 at Vaughan-Guynn Chapel in Galax, Va., by her pastor Elder Jess B. Higgins and was buried at Woodlawn Cemetery to await the resurrection of the body.

She is survived by one niece, Clarice Carpenter, two nephews, Rudolph Wyrick and J. D. Wyrick, and a sister, Mrs. Oritha Conover.

I was greatly blessed and taught by this fine lady, learning better the way of the Lord; by having known Sister Delphia.

Written by request,
Elder Jess B. Higgins

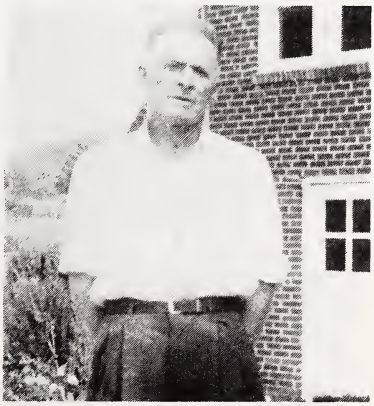
BROTHER DAVID FRED HAWKS

Brother David Fred Hawks of 622 Givens Street, Galax, Virginia passed away July 31, 1988 at the age of 87. He married Gussie Morris December 26, 1925 and she preceded him in death in 1983. To this union there were three sons: Morris, Richard (deceased), and Donald, and two daughters: Evelyn and Jo Anne. He is also survived by his wife Elizabeth to whom he married in 1985; two sisters, one brother, seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Brother Hawks was baptized and became a member of the Galax Primitive Baptist Church in 1929 and served as Deacon for many years and until his death. Over the years he fellowshiped at many churches in Virginia, North Carolina, West Virginia, Ohio, and Michigan. He will be remembered as one highly respected for his opinion, totally honest with his fellowman, and steadfast and unwavering in his faith and hope in eternal life.

Funeral services were held at Galax Primitive Baptist Church August 2, 1988 with Elders Jess B. Higgins and Curtis Hash officiating with burial in Stockner Cemetery at Fancy Gap, Virginia.

SAM KING



Why do we mourn departing friends or shake at death's alarm? Tis but the voice that Jesus sends to call them to his arms. In the late evening of March 18, 1988 in Waddell Nursing Home God called a sweet husband and father from our midst.

Sam King was born March 17, 1903. He stayed on earth 85 years and one day.

On November 30, 1940 he was happily married to Dizie Hawkings.

Sam was one of the nine children that God gave to Elija Wilborn King and Margie Fedello Bolt King. They were all reared to be good respectable, law abiding citizens. Preceding him in death was one daughter, Mary King Woodie, and two sisters and five brothers and remaining is one brother, Kyle King.

Sam professed a hope in Christ in 1966 and was baptized by Elder Moore and Elder Sawyers. Sam always enjoyed going to church as long as he was able. He lived a beautiful life. His community has lost a good honest, upright citizen, and the church suffered a great loss.

Sam was a contractor and carpenter by trade; anything that needed to be done at the church, Sam was always willing and able.

He was a kind husband and a loving father. We know you will miss him, but all we can say is, prepare to meet him in a better world where there is no more sickness and suffering. We will not say, don't weep, for nature seems to bind, but God says he will wipe all tears from our eyes. Just say farewell for a little while, we will meet again where there will be no sad partings.

Sam always enjoyed having his friends to visit with him. During his illness and time of need his good friend T. F. Rutherford who stood by was willing to comfort him during his last few months of illness. When T. F. visited him, Sam always had a big smile for him, even though death wasn't far away. T. F. and friends were by his bedside when God called him home.

We miss our loved one who was so dear,
He is so far and yet so near.
God lent him to us for a while.
With his cheerful looks and friendly smile.

God hath promised us strength for the day,
Rest for the labors, light for our way.
Grace for our trials, help from above,
Unfailing sympathy, undying love.

Services were conducted at Vaughan-Guynn Funeral Home by Elder Curtis Hash and Elder Jess Higgins. Interment was in Monta Vista Memory Gardens.

Written by request,
Jo Ann Rutherford

BROTHER CLIFFORD JAMES ROBERTS

Brother Clifford J. Roberts was born on October 26, 1912 and passed from this life on August 22, 1988. He is survived by his wife, Marie Roberts of Galax, Va., and two daughters, Dorma Shaffner, Fries, Va., and Vickie Graybeal, Christiansburg, Va.; three brothers, Willard Roberts, Thurman Roberts and Junior Roberts; two sisters, Annie Mae Payne and Virginia Davis, all of Galax, Va., and five grandchildren.

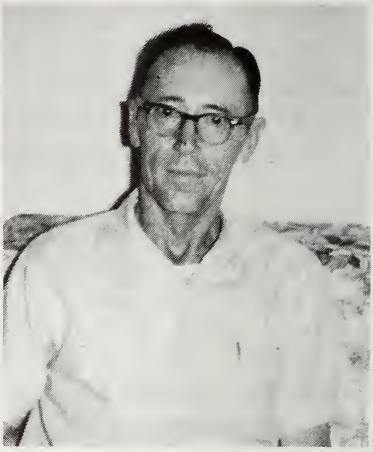
His funeral service was held at Galax Primitive Baptist Church on August 24, 1988, by Elder Jess B. Higgins, with interment in Monta Vista Memory Gardens in Galax.

Brother Clifford was baptized into the fellowship of the Church on June 20, 1982 where he remained faithful until his death. After a service at Crab Creek Primitive Baptist Church some five years ago Brother Clifford told me, when he was gone if I was living he wanted me to speak on the subject I had used that morning: 1st Samuel the 16th chapter, 7th verse. "But the Lord said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him. For the Lord seeth not as man seeth, for man looketh on the outward appearance; but the Lord looketh on the heart."

We all loved Clifford greatly and will miss him greatly but we know again that our loss is his eternal gain. Philippians 1st chapter 21st verse.

Written by request, Elder Jess B. Higgins

BROTHER CARL T. CUMMINGS



Brother Carl T. Cummings was born on April 5th, 1914 and passed away on March 10, 1988 at Twin County Community Hospital, Galax, Va. He was a retired truck driver with Hennis Freight Lines. Surviving are three sons, Larry Cummings and Ronald Cummings, both of Independence, Va., and Gregory Cummings of Winston-Salem, N.C.; one daughter, Janice Cummings, Independence, Va.; one sister, Grace Hall, Galax, Va., and three grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on March 12, 1988 at Reins-Sturdivant Chapel, Independence, Va., by Elder Jess Higgins with interment in the Comers Rock Cemetery.

Brother Carl had heard that we were having a baptismal service and called me asking if he could be baptized on this occasion. I told him to be here and offer himself and he was gladly received by Galax Primitive Baptist Church on June 16, 1985. At church that night Brother Carl said he felt much better and was finally at home. He stated that he believed the Primitive Baptists were closest to the Bible of any people left in this world.

He was a quiet and gentle man. Brother Carl did a lot of reading and listening, fulfilling 1st Thessalonians 4th chapter 11th verse. Brother Carl will be missed by his church and friends, but we know that our loss is his gain. Philippians 1st chapter 21st verse.

Written by request, Elder Jess B. Higgins

GEORGE REEVES DOUGLAS

George Reeves Douglas was born October 6, 1899 and passed away March 23, 1988, making his stay on this earth 88 years, 5 months and 17 days.

In 1928 he was married to Laura Irwin and their marriage of 59 and one-half years was a close relationship based on their similar interests and their true love for each other.

He united with Little River Primitive Baptist Church the third Saturday in December 1926 and was baptized on the following Sunday morning. He loved going to church to hear the preaching and to sing all the good old songs. For 27 years he served as church clerk and only resigned after he had a heart attack. He remained a faithful and devoted member until his death.

He was a builder and master carpenter for 35 years and also worked diligently on his farm. Besides being a very hard working man, he was a devoted husband and loving father; and he always was willing to help others in time of need.

His funeral service was held March 25, 1988 at Little River Primitive Baptist Church by Elder Jess B. Higgins and Elder Tim Brooks. His body was laid to rest in Antioch Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Laura I. Douglas, of the home; one daughter and son-in-law, Naoma D. and Amon Choate, Sparta, N.C.; two grandchildren, Sharon C. and Billy Benson, Wilkesboro, N.C., and Brian Alan and Joy H. Choate, Sparta, N.C.; and one sister, Mrs. Myrtle Moxley, Street, Md.

Written by Naoma D. Choate

BESSIE McMILLAN

Mrs. Bessie Miller McMillan was born December 13, 1903 in Piney Creek to James Edwin and Maude Weaver Miller. She was the widow of A. C. McMillan and died in Alleghany Memorial Hospital in Sparta. She graduated from Piney Creek

High School and Appalachian State Teachers College. She was a teacher in Sparta Elementary School for 38 years. She was an active member of the Primitive Baptist for over 40 years.

She is survived by one son, Wade McMillan of Sparta; two daughters, Mrs. Shirley Koehler and Mrs. Marjorie Baker, both of Winston Salem, N.C.; one sister, Mrs. Mabel Doughas of Piney Creek; 10 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren, and many friends to mourn her passing.

Her funeral was held at Little River Primitive Baptist Church by Elders Tim Brooks and Jess B. Higgins in the presence of a large congregation. Burial was in Sparta Cemetery. In lieu of flowers the family requests memorials be made to Little River Church. Her body was laid to rest in Sparta Cemetery to await the resurrection of the dead, when she will hear that voice, Awake (and sing ye that dwell in dust).

Written by Elder Walter Evans

ROSE STATON OSBORNE

Rose Staton Osborne was born on April 13, 1915 in Union County, NC. She passed away in her sleep Monday morning, April 25, 1988, making her life on earth 73 years and 12 days. Funeral services were held at 2:00 pm Wednesday, April 27, 1988 in the Elk Creek Primitive Baptist Church by Elder Curtis Hash and Elder Joe Baucom. Interment was in the church cemetery.

She was married to Jessie Mack Osborne on August 2, 1941, who preceded her in death in November, 1983. She is survived by three sisters: Mrs. Ruth Carpenter of Marshville, NC; Mrs. Virginia Attaway of Indian Head, MD, and Mrs. Cora Martin of Stoney Point, NC.; one brother: Benjamin Staton of Statesville, NC. She is also survived by several nieces and nephews.

Sister Rose Osborne united with Elk Creek Church on May 11, 1963. She, with her husband, was baptized on the same day.

She was a very faithful member of the church who traveled near and far to go to church. She was at church filling her favorite seat on the second week-end in April, only two weeks before she passed away. She always had a smile and an encouraging word to everyone. Her whole life was centered around her church, her family, and her friends.

Sister Rose endured her sickness in a humble and peaceful way, always thanking the Lord for His mercy and goodness. Elk Creek Primitive Baptist Church has been saddened by the passing of such a faithful and loving member and sister in Christ.

A loving one from us is gone,
A smiling face we miss.
A precious soul is waiting,
For her eternal bliss.

Written by
Elder Curtis D. Hash

LOIS O'DONALD MURRAY

Lois O'Donald Murray was born to Monroe and Rovie Sparks May 14, 1904 in Texas. She was 83 years, eight months, 27 days old at the time of her death.

In 1925, she married Johnnie Murray. Unto this marriage was born one son, Swanson. Surviving are the son, daughter-in-law, granddaughter and two great-grandchildren.

She united with Cross Roads Primitive Baptist Church September 3, 1935. Johnnie and Lois were baptized on the same day.

Lois passed away in the Twin County Community Hospital February 16, 1988, where she had been a patient several times.

Funeral service was held at Crossroads Primitive Baptist Church Friday, February 19, 11:00 A.M. by Elders Jess Higgins and Curtis Hash. Interment was in Crab Creek Cemetery.

HATTIE EVANS

Hattie Evans was born June 5, 1913, and departed this life June 11, 1988, making her stay on earth 75 years and six days. She was married to Walter Evans February 11, 1931. Unto this union were born 11 children. Three preceded her in death; two died in infancy. The survivors are two boys and six daughters: Louis Evans, Salem, Va.; Wade Evans, Crofton, Md.; Ellen Miles, Winston-Salem, N.C.; Ann Petty, Rising sun, Md.; Ruth Selway, George Town, Del.; Iva Clodfelter, Wilmington, N.C.; Wanda Long, Tarboro, N.C., and Pat Dillard, Sparta, N.C.; three sisters, Mrs. Thelma Edwards, Sparta, N.C.; Laura Hudson, Sparta, N.C., and Ruth Roberts, Elkin; one brother, Orpha Andrews, Wilmington, Del.; 18 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren. A son preceded her in death in 1981.

She united with New Salem Regular Baptist Church many years ago but she had always been a Primitive Baptist. Hattie was a good mother. She is survived by her lonely husband, eight children, nine grandchildren and a host of relatives and many friends to mourn her passing.

Her funeral was conducted at Grand View Memorial Chapel by Elder Tim Brooks in the presence of a very large congregation and her body was laid to rest in the New Salem Cemetery until the resurrection of the dead when she will hear that powerful voice, Awake and sing ye that dwell in dust.

At this point I want to say thanks to Harold Church and staff and Brother Tim Brooks for a job well done; all the neighbors and friends that brought food, and the beautiful flowers. Thank you all.

Written by her husband
Walter Evans

RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

2. A Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

3. Only one person shall speak at a time, who shall arise from his seat and address the moderator when he is about to make his speech.

4. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by any except the Moderator till he is done speaking.

5. He shall strictly adhere to the subject, and in no wise reflect on the person who spoke before, so as to make remarks on his slips, failings, or imperfections; but shall fairly state the matter as nearly as he can so as to convey his light or ideas.

6. No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the association without liberty obtained from it.

7. No person shall rise and speak more than three times on one subject without liberty obtained from the Association.

8. No member of the Association shall have liberty of laughing during the sitting of the same, nor whispering in the time of public speech.

9. No member of the Association shall address another in any appellation but the title of Brother.

10. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member in his speech or prohibit him from speaking till he gives his light on the subject, except he break the rules of this Decorum.

11. The names of the several members of the Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called over as often as the Association requires.

12. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speech as any other member, provided the chair be filled, and he shall not vote unless the Association be equally divided.

13. That any member who shall willfully and knowingly break these rules shall be reproved by the Association as they think proper.

CONSTITUTION

1. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union, and duly sent to represent them in the Association who shall be members whom they judge best qualified for that purpose, and producing letters from their respective churches, certifying their appointment, shall be entitled to a seat.

2. In the letters from the different churches there shall be expressed their number in full fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, dismissed, excommunicated and dead since the last Association.

3. The members thus chosen and convened shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor shall they have any ecclesiastical power over the churches, nor shall they infringe on any of the internal rights of any church into the union.

4. The Association, when convened, shall be governed by a proper Decorum.

5. The Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk who shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present. In the absence of the Moderator, the Clerk shall stand as a Moderator until a new Moderator can be elected.

6. Any church may be admitted into this union, who shall petition by letter and messengers, and upon examination, if found orthodox and orderly, shall be received by the Association, and manifested by the Moderator giving the messengers the right hand of fellowship.

7. Every church in the union shall be entitled to representation in the Association.

8. Every query presented by any member of the Association shall be once read and before it be debated the Moderator shall put it to vote, and, if there be a majority for its being debated, it shall be taken into consideration and be deliberated, but, if there be a majority against it, it shall be withdrawn.

9. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

10. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with the minutes of the Association, the best method for effecting that purpose shall be at the discretion of the future associations.

11. We think it absolutely necessary that we should have an Associational fund for defraying the expenses of the same, for the raising and supporting of which we think it the duty of each church in the union to contribute voluntarily such sums as they think proper, and send by the hands of their messengers to the Association, and the money thus contributed by the churches and received by the Association shall be deposited in the hands of a treasurer by the Association who shall be accountable to the Association for all money by him received and paid out according to the direction of the Association.

12. There shall be an Association Book kept, wherein the proceedings of every Association shall be regularly recorded by a secretary appointed by the Association, who may receive a compensation yearly for his trouble.

13. The minutes of the Association shall be read and corrected, if need be, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association arises.

14. Amendments to this plan or form of government may be made at any time by a majority of the union, when they deem it necessary.

15. The Association shall have power (1) To provide for the general union of the churches; (2) To endeavor to preserve invoilably a chain of communion among the churches; (3) To give the churches all necessary advice in matters of difficulty; (4) To inquire into the cause why churches fail to represent themselves at any time in the Association; (5) To appropriate the means contributed by the churches for an Associational Fund to any purpose they may think proper; (6) To withdraw from any church in the union which shall violate the rules of this decorum or deviate from the orthodox principles of our religion; (7) To admit any of the distant brethren in the ministry who may be present, to assist in the transaction of business during their setting; (8) To adjourn themselves to any future time and place they may think most convenient to the churches in the union.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in only one true and living God, and that there are three persons in the Godhead, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.

2. We believe that the scriptures of the Old and New Testament, as translated in 1611 into the King James Version of the Holy Bible, is the written word of God and the only rule of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the doctrine of eternal and particular election.

4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.

5. We believe in man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature of his own free will and ability.

6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ.

7. We believe that God's elect are called, converted, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

8. We believe the saints are preserved in Jesus Christ and called and shall never fall finally away.

9. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that true believers are the only subjects of these ordinances, and that the true mode of baptism is by immersion.

10. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, both of the just and the unjust, and a general judgment and the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting and the joys of the righteous will be eternal.

11. We believe that no minister has the right to administer the ordinances only such as are regularly called and come under the imposition of hands by the presbytery, and in fellowship with a church of our faith and order.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

UNION CHURCH, Whitehead, North Carolina: Located four miles southwest of Sparta, NC on Route 18. White, frame building on south side of No. 18.

GALAX CHURCH, Galax, Virginia: Located at the intersection of Painter and McArthur Streets.

SADDLE CREEK CHURCH, Independence, Virginia: Located four miles west of Independence on Route 58. White, frame building on south side of No. 58.

CROSS ROADS CHURCH, Baywood, Virginia: Located seven miles west of Galax, Virginia. Turn off Route No. 58 (five miles west of Galax) onto Route No. 636 for .3 mile. Turn right on Route No. 626, and church is just beyond Baywood Elementary School.

LITTLE RIVER CHURCH, Sparta, North Carolina: Located on Memorial Park Drive, one block east of Route 21.

ROCK CREEK CHURCH, Independence, Virginia: Located two miles east of Independence. Turn off Route 58 onto Route 274 for one mile. Turn left onto Route 685 for one mile and church is on the right.

PEACH BOTTOM CHURCH, Independence, Virginia: Located one mile north of Independence at intersection of Route No. 21 and 654.

ANTIOCH CHURCH, Stratford, North Carolina: Located six miles southwest of Sparta, NC. Turn off Route 221 onto Route 1167 (Antioch Church Road), go two miles, turn left on Route 1163. Just .4 mile to brick church on left of road.

ELK CREEK CHURCH, Sparta, North Carolina: Located five miles west of Sparta. From Route 21 at Twin Oaks, North Carolina, take 221 south, turn right on Route No. 93, just two miles to church on right of road.

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CHURCHES AND PASTORS	CLERKS AND ADDRESSES	MESSENGERS	Received by Baptism	Received by Letter	Received by Relations	Restored to Fellowship	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Ordained Elders	Licentiate	Sunday of Meeting	Month of Communion	Total No. in Fellowship	Contributions
CROSS ROADS Elder Bruce Higgins	Roy L. Truitt Galax, Va.	Raymond Nichols, Leslie Nichols, Roy Truitt, Elder Bruce Higgins, Alt.							1	1		1st & 3rd	Aug.	35	150.00
ANTIOCH Elder Walter Evans Elder Tim Brooks	Carl Williams Sparta, N.C.	Arol Choate, Carl Williams, Norman Brown, Junior Williams, Alt.		3								4th	June	28	120.00
PEACH BOTTOM Elder Lester Faulkner	Arvel Newberry Speedwell, Va.	Green Ward, Thomas Farmer, Arvel Newberry, Paris Hackler, Alt.	1				1					2nd	July	28	55.00
GALAX Elder Jess Higgins	Blake Roberts Galax, Va.	John Nichols, Blake Roberts, Dennis Day, James Atkins & Clifford Roberts Alt.	4	1					5			2nd	Aug.	41	80.00
LITTLE RIVER Elder Walter Evans Elder Tim Brooks	Page Wagoner Sparta, N.C.	Elder Tim Brooks, F.G. Dillard, Page Wagoner, Jack Nichols, Elder Walter Evans, Alt.		2			1		2	2		3rd	June	50	125.00
SADDLE CREEK Elder Curtis Hash	Rose W. Jenkins Independence, Va.	Alton Sawyers, Robert Cheek, Dorothy Sawyers, Polly Cheek										4th	July	11	24.00
ELK CREEK Elder Curtis Hash	Cecil Wyatt Sparta, N.C.	Cecil Wyatt, Blanche Halsey, Elsie Collins, Farah Gambill, Alt.							1			2nd	Aug.	22	60.00
ROCK CREEK Elder Curtis Hash	Wanda Hash Independence, Va.	Elder Curtis Hash Wanda Hash								1		1st	Aug.	4	20.00
UNION Elder Curtis Hash	H. Bayne Caudill Sparta, N.C.	H. Bayne Caudill, Everette Cox, Etta Calloway										1st	July	6	40.00

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Minutes

OF THE

One Hundred and Ninety-First Annual Session

OF THE

Mountain District Primitive Baptist Association

HELD WITH

Cross Roads Church

BAYWOOD, VIRGINIA
BEGINNING ON FRIDAY BEFORE THE
FIRST SUNDAY IN SEPTEMBER

1989

NEXT SESSION CONVENES WITH
ANTIOCH CHURCH

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Proceedings

OF THE MOUNTAIN DISTRICT PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

The association met with Cross Roads Church for its One Hundred Ninety-First annual session.

After singing by the congregation and prayer by Elder Bruce Higgins from Cross Roads Church the introductory sermon was preached by Elder Gene Thomas from Mud Creek Association. Text, II Cor. 12:1.

After intermission of one hour during which lunch was served, the messengers assembled in the meeting house to attend to the business of the association. Were called to order with prayer by Elder Floyd South from Senter Association.

1. Called for, received and read letters from the Churches.

2. Called for petitionary letters from other churches of the same faith and order desiring admission to the Association. None came.

3. Organized by move, second and approval to elect Elder Tim Brooks, moderator, and Roy Truitt, clerk, and Leslie T. Nichols, assistant clerk.

4. Called for visitors from Sister Associations and Sister Churches. The following came forward and were welcomed to our midst.

NEW LIBERTY: Brother Finley Ratliff, Sister Bernice Ratliff.

SENTER: Sister Zell Walker, Sister Lillian Richardson, Brother Ben Miller and Sister Emmalee Miller.

ORIGINAL MT. ENON: Brother Woodrow F. Burgess, Sister Monnie D. Burgess.

MUD CREEK: Brother Brett McKee, Sister Ann Thomas.

WATSON CHURCH: Brother T. L. Simpson.

WALNUT COVE CHURCH: Brother Jimmy Haynes, Brother Paul V. Lemons, Brother Raymond J. Bibey.

MOUNT OLIVE CHURCH: Sister Joyce V. Hodges.

CRAB CREEK CHURCH: Sister Mabel C. Funk, Brother Guthrie Caudill, Sister Polly Caudill, Sister Naoma D. Choate.

BLUE RIDGE CHURCH: Sister Dora May Hylton.

INDIAN CREEK CHURCH: Brother E. W. Henley, Sister Clydie Henley, Brother Lewis Henley and Sister Treva Henley.

CHESTNUT GROVE CHURCH: Sister Bessie Thomas.

MT. LEBANON CHURCH: Brother Arnold Combs, Sister Josie Combs.

MT. CARMEL CHURCH: Brother Steve Parker, Sister Kathy Parker.

CHILHOWIE CHURCH: Brother Howard M. Davis, Sr., Sister Sibyl W. Davis.

5. Received minutes from the following Associations: Union, Ebenezer, St. Clair's Bottom, Senter, Original Bear Creek, Original Mates Creek, Little Yadkin River, Ketocton, Mount Zion.

6. By move, second and approval the moderator will make all temporary committee appointments for this session.

(a) Preaching Committee: Brethren Jerry Poe, Jim Mabe, Blake Roberts, Cecil Wyatt, Paris Hackler and Elder Bruce Higgins.

(b) Finance Committee: Brethren Dennis Day, Green Ward, Carl Williams and Roy Truitt.

(c) Committee to distribute corresponding minutes: Brethren Norman Brown, John Nichols, Junior Williams and Page Wagoner.

(d) Committee on arrangements: Brethren F. G. Dillard, Leslie Nichols and Thomas Farmer.

7. By move, second and approval the Association adjourned until Saturday morning at 10:00 A.M. Closed with prayer by Elder Lester Faulkner from Chestnut Grove Church.

SATURDAY, September 2, 1989

After singing by the congregation and prayer by Elder Walter Evans from Mountain Association.

1. Called roll of messengers and marked off those that were absent.

2. Called for visitors, those that came forward were added to Friday's list.

3. Called for committee on arrangements to report. They recommend the following:

(a) To have 700 copies of these minutes printed and distributed as usual.

(b) Next session of the Association to convene with Antioch Church located 6 miles southwest of Sparta, N.C. Turn off Rt. #221 onto Route 1167 (Antioch Church Road). Go two miles, turn left on Rt. 1163. Go .4 tenths mile to brick church building on left of road.

(c) To have a memoriam of our deceased members printed in the minutes. Also obituaries and pictures that are requested by the churches.

(d) Recommend correspondence received from Union, Saddle Creek and Rock Creek Churches be printed in this minute.

The members of Rock Creek Primitive Baptist Church met October 1, 1988 Saturday night in conference. After discussion it was moved and seconded to withdraw from the Mountain District Association and become an independent church. We ask for fellowship with all our sister churches of our faith and order.

We the members of Rock Creek Primitive Baptist Church welcome everyone that has a desire to be with us on the first Saturday night and Sunday afternoon at 2 p.m. each month.

We request that this letter be printed in your minutes.

Thank you,
Clerk Wanda E. Hash
Moderator Elder Curtis D. Hash

August 26, 1989

We the members of Saddle Creek Primitive Baptist Church met in Conference August 26, 1989. Agreed to write a letter to inform the Mountain District Association that Saddle Creek Primitive Baptist Church has withdrawn from the Association.

We don't have a desire to be members anymore. We welcome anyone that has a desire to be with us in our service on the 4th weekend of the month.

We request that you put this letter in your Minutes.

Thank you,
Moderator Elder Curtis Hash
Clerk Alton Sawyers

The members of Union Primitive Baptist Church met in conference September 3, 1988. It was moved and second to withdraw from the Mountain District Association and extend full fellowship with all churches of our order and faith.

We the members of Union Primitive Baptist Church welcome anyone that has a desire to be with us on the first weekend of the month.

We request that this letter be printed in your minutes.

Thank You
Clerk Bayne H. Caudill
Pastor- Elder Curtis Hash

By move, second and approval the recommendations of the committee on arrangements were adopted.

4. Committee on finance gave the following report and were discharged when their duties were completed.

Received from the churches	$639.00
Late donation for next year's minister's	+15.00
For printing of minutes	-519.86
Donation to Moderator	- 50.00
Included in $600.00 distributed to visiting elders by his request)	
Balance in treasury from last year	230.40
Balance in treasury to carry over for next year	314.54
Received from Brethren, Sisters, and Friends	$600.00

which was distributed to visiting Elders.

5. Committee to distribute corresponding minutes made their report and were discharged.

6. Committee on preaching made their report and were discharged when their duties were completed.

Friday afternoon:	Elder Norvel Mann - Psalms 8:1
	Elder Jess Higgins dismissed with prayer.
Friday night:	Prayer, Elder Franklin Oresta
	Elder Floyd South - Matthew 1:21
	Elder Danny Parker - Isaiah 55:6
	Elder Walter Evans dismissed with prayer.

Saturday morning:	Prayer, Elder Walter Evans
	Elder Eugene Bennett - Matthew 6:7
	Elder Cecil Darity - Psalms 47:1
Saturday afternoon:	Prayer, Elder E. W. Hooven
	Elder Franklin Oresta - St. John 20: 29
	Elder A. J. Hylton - I Corinthians 12:17
	Elder Jay Harris dismissed with prayer
Saturday night:	Prayer, Elder Jess Higgins
	Elder James McNeill - Hebrews 10:14
	Elder Gene Thomas - Isaiah 28:16
	Elder Walter Evans dismissed with prayer
Sunday morning:	Prayer, Elder Gene Thomas
	Elder Jess Higgins - Nehemiah 2:17
	Elder Tim Brooks - Luke 22:35
	Elder Bruce Higgins dismissed with prayer

7. By move, second, and approval the clerk was appointed as treasurer and to superintend the printing of these minutes.

8. Resolve that we return thanks first to God, then to Brethren, Sisters, and Friends for their hospitality and kindness during this association.

9. These minutes were read and approved.

10. By move, second, and approval the Association adjourned to the time and place of the next meeting. Closed with prayer by Elder Bruce Higgins from Cross Roads Church.

Elder Tim Brooks, Moderator
Roy Truitt, Clerk

Thus closed the One Hundred and Ninety-First session of the Mountain District Association in peace and fellowship. Each minister who filled the stand was wonderfully blessed to preach the gospel in its purity and love to a large congregation.

Roy Truitt, Clerk

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COMMUNION TIMES

ANTIOCH ..... Sunday Following, June, 4th Saturday
LITTLE RIVER .. Sunday Following, June, 3rd Saturday
PEACH BOTTOM .. Sunday Following, July, 2nd Saturday
GALAX ..... August, 2nd Sunday
ELK CREEK ..... August, 2nd Sunday
CROSS ROADS ..... August, 3rd Sunday

MEMORIAM

It is with sadness and grief that we pause in the solemn tribute to our dear members who have passed away since our last association. Even though our hearts are grieved now, we rejoice in the glorious hope that there is an eternal city not made with hands beyond this life, where we will ever be with the Lord, where there will be no sadness and farewells.

ANTIOCH ..... Bertrice Absher Watson
Benjamin Carl Weaver
Martha Irvin Anderson
Zora Irvin
Gladis Wagoner Weaver

PEACH BOTTOM ..... Anna Lou Wingate

BERTRICE ABSHER WATSON

Bertrice Absher Watson was born July 28, 1901 and departed this life March 14, 1989, age 87 years, 4 months and 16 days. She united with the church at Antioch April 28, 1956 and lived a devoted life until death. She was married to John Watson February 1, 1952. John died August 7, 1964. She leaves three sisters: Mae Shumate, California; Lucy Choate, Sparta, N.C.; and Rousie Byrd, South Carolina; one brother, Lloyd Absher, Sparta, N.C.; five step-children, three sons - Boyd Watson of Ohio, Ralph Watson of South Carolina; John Watson, Jr. of Louisiana; two step-daughters, Mary Sapp of Ohio and Margaret Tombetta of California; several nieces and nephews and a host of friends to mourn her

passing. We feel our loss is her eternal gain. Her funeral was held at Antioch Church by Elders Tim Brooks and Walter Evans. Her body was laid to rest in the church cemetery to await the resurrection of the dead.

Written by request,
Elder Walter Evans

ZORA IRWIN

Zora Irwin was born December 26, 1895, departed this life December 12, 1988 making her stay on earth 92 years, 11 months and 16 days.

She was a school teacher most of her life. She was the first school teacher of the writer of this sketch.

She professed a sweet hope in Christ and joined the church at Antioch and was baptized by John M. Williams and C. B. Kilby October 10, 1927. She was a good member and will be missed by all who knew her. Her husband Walter M. Irwin preceded her in death.

By request,
Elder Walter M. Evans

MARTHA IRWIN ANDERSON

Martha Irwin Anderson was born October 11, 1911, departed this life December 29, 1988, making her stay on earth 77 years, two months and 18 days.

She received a hope in Christ and united with the church at Antioch June 26, 1937 and was baptized by Elder John M. Williams. Martha was a wonderful singer.

She is missed by all who knew her. We can only say, Sleep on.

We will meet you in the resurrection morning and will never say farewell.

By request,
Elder Walter Evans

BENJAMIN CARL WEAVER

Mr. Benjamin Carl Weaver, 81, of Sparta, N.C., died February 12, 1989, at Alleghany Memorial Hospital in Sparta, N.C.

He was born July 4, 1907 to James and Ella Weaver in Alleghany County.

He was married to Marie Joines January 1, 1939. Unto this union was born three children: Carla, Bennie and Jerry Weaver. Carla preceded him in death November 24, 1939.

Ben united with the South Fork Primitive Baptist Church December 14, 1947. Later he moved his membership to Antioch Primitive Baptist Church.

He was later married to Gladis Wagoner Edwards December 28, 1963.

He is survived by two sons, Bennie Weaver, Kernersville, N.C.; Jerry Weaver, Dobson, N.C.; one stepson, Russell Edwards, East Brunswick, N.J.; four grandchildren, Kathy, Skip, Julia and Wes Weaver; three step-grandchildren; five step-great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were conducted at Grandview Memorial Chapel on February 14, 1989 by Elder Jess B. Higgins and Elder Jimmie Weaver. Burial followed in the Sparta Cemetery, Sparta, N.C.

Ben Weaver
and
Gladis Weaver

GLADIS WEAVER

Mrs. Gladis Wagoner Edwards Weaver, 82, of Route 1, Sparta, N.C., died October 7, 1988 at Alleghany Memorial Hospital in Sparta, N.C.

She was born May 11, 1906 to Daniel and Adina Wagoner in Alleghany County.

She was married to Oscar Edwards November 9, 1928. Unto this union was born two sons, Russell and Chauncey Edwards. Chauncey preceded her in death July 2, 1950.

Gladis received a sweet hope in Jesus Christ and united with the Antioch Primitive Baptist Church August 27, 1932.

We could see in the life of Sister Gladis so many things that evidenced her relationship with her blessed Lord and Savior. She always enjoyed going to church and really loved to hear the gospel songs and music.

She was later married to Ben C. Weaver December 28, 1963.

She was a good wife, mother and grandmother, devoted to her friends and neighbors. Gladis was always a kind and cheerful person, she was an inspiration to all those around her. We all miss her so much, but we feel our loss is her eternal gain.

She leaves one son, Russell Edwards, East Brunswick, N.J.; one daughter-in-law, Helen Edwards, East Brunswick, N.J.; two stepsons, Bennie Weaver, Kernersville, N.C.; Jerry Weaver, Dobson, N.C.; three grandchildren, Chauncey, Diane and Jeffrey Edwards of N.J.; four step-grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; two sisters, Mrs. Golar Sparks, Sparta, N.C.; Mrs. Ioda Edwards, Waynesboro, Va.; and several nieces and nephews, and a host of friends and loved ones to mourn her passing. Not only the family has lost a precious loved one, but the church has lost a sweet and precious member.

Funeral services were conducted at Antioch Church on October 10, 1988 by Elder Jess B. Higgins. Her body was laid to rest in the Sparta Cemetery, Sparta, N.C.

Written by: Helen Edwards

ROSE RICHARDSON EDWARDS

Rose Richardson Edwards was born November 25, 1916 and she died June 13, 1986, at the age of 69. She was the daughter of Tyrie Glenn and Annice Edwards Richardson. In December 1935 she married Talmadge Edgar Edwards, son of Commodore and Iona Edwards, and they had two children.

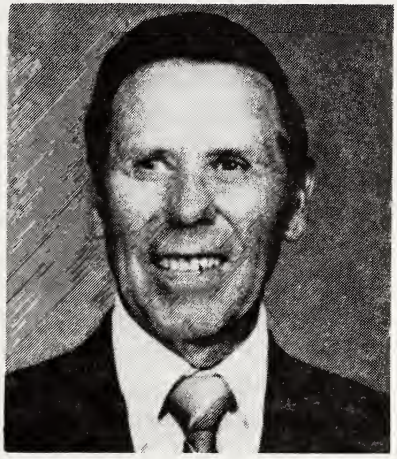
She is survived by her husband, Talmadge, of Society Hill, SC; daughter Ina Rose Edwards, son James Allen Edwards, two grandchildren, Jason Allen and Jane Andrea Edwards, all of Charlotte, NC; two sisters, Lavon Cox, Independence, VA, and Elsie Absher, Sparta, NC; two brothers, J. L. Richardson, Independence, VA, and Luther Richardson, Bennettsville, SC; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Rose joined Zion Primitive Baptist Church in early life and lived a faithful Christian life. She was a dedicated, loving wife and mother who always put the concerns of her family and others before her own. She lived her life by the Golden Rule, "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you."

Her funeral was held June 15, 1986 at Grandview Memorial Chapel with Rev. Paul Boyer and Elder Curtis Hash officiating. Burial was in Sparta Cemetery.

Written by her daughter

AMON KILBY CHOATE



Mr. Amon Kilby Choate of Route 4, Sparta, NC was born on December 28, 1922, the son of John T. and Ida Richardson Choate. He spent all of his life in Alleghany County with his family and friends until his death on Saturday, December 10, 1988, thus making his stay on earth 65 years, 11 months and 22 days. Brother Amon was recognized as a successful dairy farmer and was very active in the farming community. He was a member of the Alleghany County Dairymen's Association and served as a director of the North Carolina Farm Bureau for a number of years.

A man of honor and integrity while reserved with humbleness, he served his country in the United States Navy during World War II. Though the war ended, his service continued. He was united in marriage in December 1948 to Naoma Douglas and thereafter they walked together in love toward a future that would be filled with many blessings and wonderful memories. Blessed with two children, Sharon and Brian, he led his family as he served his community, his neighbors and friends, but more importantly his Lord. In September 1983, he along with his wife and children was baptized into the fellowship of Crab Creek Primitive Baptist Church. Here Brother Amon lived a faithful life to Jesus and his church until his death. To wit our faithful brother, our humble companion, our fellow laborer, but more than anything else, our trusted friend. The last time he was to be at church, the first Sunday in December, he seemed so happy to be at Crab Creek as his face beamed with love. He stated how happy and pleased he was to be there and to see everyone that had come to church. He had grown in grace rapidly as Jesus and his church meant a great deal to him. He often spoke to us about these important principles and how he desired that God's people live together in peace and be kind to

one another. When reading the words of Christ in Matthew 5:9 we are made to remember Brother Amon. "Blessed are the peacemakers; for they shall be called children of God."

He is survived by his wife: Naoma Douglas Choate of the home; one son: Brian Alan Choate of Sparta, NC; one daughter: Sharon Benson of Wilkesboro, NC; his mother: Ida Richardson Choate of Glade Valley, NC; two sisters: Mrs. Talmadge Truitt of Glade Valley, NC, and Mrs. William Kilby of Statesville, NC; and one brother: Elgin Choate of Sparta, NC.

He was there for his family, he was there for his friends, but today, he is there, at home, with the Lord.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, December 12, 1988 at 2:00 PM at the Crab Creek Primitive Baptist Church with Elder Jess Higgins, Elder Curtis Hash, and Elder Tim Brooks officiating. The body was then laid to rest in the Antioch Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery.

Written By Request:
Elder Jess B. Higgins and Elder Tim W. Brooks

RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

2. A Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

3. Only one person shall speak at a time, who shall arise from his seat and address the moderator when he is about to make his speech.

4. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by any except the Moderator till he is done speaking.

5. He shall strictly adhere to the subject, and in no wise reflect on the person who spoke before, so as to make remarks on his slips, failings, or imperfections; but shall fairly state the matter as nearly as he can so as to convey his light or ideas.

6. No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the association without liberty obtained from it.

7. No person shall rise and speak more than three times on one subject without liberty obtained from the Association.

8. No member of the Association shall have liberty of laughing during the sitting of the same, nor whispering in the time of public speech.

9. No member of the Association shall address another in any appellation but the title of Brother.

10. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member in his speech or prohibit him from speaking till he gives his light on the subject, except he break the rules of this Decorum.

11. The names of the several members of the Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called over as often as the Association requires.

12. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speech as any other member, provided the chair be filled, and he shall not vote unless the Association be equally divided.

13. That any member who shall willfully and knowingly break these rules shall be reproved by the Association as they think proper.

CONSTITUTION

1. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union, and duly sent to represent them in the Association who shall be members whom they judge best qualified for that purpose, and producing letters from their respective churches, certifying their appointment, shall be entitled to a seat.

2. In the letters from the different churches there shall be expressed their number in full fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, dismissed, excommunicated and dead since the last Association.

3. The members thus chosen and convened shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor shall they have any ecclesiastical power over the churches, nor shall they infringe on any of the internal rights of any church into the union.

4. The Association, when convened, shall be governed by a proper Decorum.

5. The Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk who shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present. In the absence of the Moderator, the Clerk shall stand as a Moderator until a new Moderator can be elected.

6. Any church may be admitted into this union, who shall petition by letter and messengers, and upon examination, if found orthodox and orderly, shall be received by the Association, and manifested by the Moderator giving the messengers the right hand of fellowship.

7. Every church in the union shall be entitled to representation in the Association.

8. Every query presented by any member of the Association shall be once read and before it be debated the Moderator shall put it to vote, and, if there be a majority for its being debated, it shall be taken into consideration and be deliberated, but, if there be a majority against it, it shall be withdrawn.

9. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

10. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with the minutes of the Association, the best method for effecting that purpose shall be at the discretion of the future associations.

11. We think it absolutely necessary that we should have an Associational fund for defraying the expenses of the same, for the raising and supporting of which we think it the duty of each church in the union to contribute voluntarily such sums as they think proper, and send by the hands of their messengers to the Association, and the money thus contributed by the churches and received by the Association shall be deposited in the hands of a treasurer by the Association who shall be accountable to the Association for all money by him received and paid out according to the direction of the Association.

12. There shall be an Association Book kept, wherein the proceedings of every Association shall be regularly recorded by a secretary appointed by the Association, who may receive a compensation yearly for his trouble.

13. The minutes of the Association shall be read and cor-

rected, if need be, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association arises.

14. Amendments to this plan or form of government may be made at any time by a majority of the union, when they deem it necessary.

15. The Association shall have power (1) To provide for the general union of the churches; (2) To endeavor to preserve invoilably a chain of communion among the churches; (3) To give the churches all necessary advice in matters of difficulty; (4) To inquire into the cause why churches fail to represent themselves at any time in the Association; (5) To appropriate the means contributed by the churches for an Associational Fund to any purpose they may think proper; (6) To withdraw from any church in the union which shall violate the rules of this decorum or deviate from the orthodox principles of our religion; (7) To admit any of the distant brethren in the ministry who may be present, to assist in the transaction of business during their setting; (8) To adjourn themselves to any future time and place they may think most convenient to the churches in the union.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in only one true and living God, and that there are three persons in the Godhead, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.

2. We believe that the scriptures of the Old and New Testament, as translated in 1611 into the King James Version of the Holy Bible, is the written word of God and the only rule of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the doctrine of eternal and particular election.

4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.

5. We believe in man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature of his own free will and ability.

6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ.

7. We believe that God's elect are called, converted, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

8. We believe the saints are preserved in Jesus Christ and called and shall never fall finally away.

9. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that true believers are the only subjects of these ordinances, and that the true mode of baptism is by immersion.

10. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, both of the just and the unjust, and a general judgment and the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting and the joys of the righteous will be eternal.

11. We believe that no minister has the right to administer the ordinances only such as are regularly called and come under the imposition of hands by the presbytery, and in fellowship with a church of our faith and order.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

GALAX CHURCH, Galax, Virginia: Located at the intersection of Painter and McArthur Streets.

CROSS ROADS CHURCH, Baywood, Virginia: Located seven miles west of Galax, Virginia. Turn off Route No. 58 (five miles west of Galax) onto Route No. 636 for .3 mile. Turn right on Route No. 626, and church is just beyond Baywood Elementary School.

LITTLE RIVER CHURCH, Sparta, North Carolina: Located on Memorial Park Drive, one block east of Route 21.

PEACH BOTTOM CHURCH, Independence, Virginia: Located one mile north of Independence at intersection of Route No. 21 and 654.

ANTIOCH CHURCH, Stratford, North Carolina: Located six miles southwest of Sparta, NC. Turn off Route 221 onto Route 1167 (Antioch Church Road), go two miles, turn left on Route 1163. Just .4 mile to brick church on left of road.

ELK CREEK CHURCH, Sparta, North Carolina: Located five miles west of Sparta. From Route 21 at Twin Oaks, North Carolina, take 221 south, turn right on Route No. 93, just two miles to church on right of road.

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STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES AND PASTORS	CLERKS AND ADDRESSES	MESSENGERS	Received by Baptism	Received by Letter	Received by Relations	Restored to Fellowship	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Ordained Elders	Licentiate	Sunday of Meeting	Month of Communion	Total No. in Fellowship	Contributions
ANTIOCH Elder Walter Evans Elder Tim Brooks	Carl Williams Sparta, N.C.	Carl Williams, Arol Choate, Norman Brown, Junior Williams, Alt.							5			4th	June	23	$115.00
PEACH BOTTOM Elder Lester Faulkner	Arvel Newberry Speedwell, Va.	Thomas Farmer, Paris Hackler, Green Ward, Leta Farmer, Alt.					2		1			2nd	July	25	70.00
GALAX Elder Jess Higgins	Blake Roberts Galax, Va.	Blake Roberts, Dennis Day, John Nichols, James Atkins, Alt.										2nd	Aug.	41	80.00
LITTLE RIVER Elder Walter Evans Elder Tim Brooks	Page Wagoner Sparta, N.C.	Page Wagoner, F. G. Dillard, Jim Mabe, Garry Semones, Alt.	8				1			2		3rd	June	57	179.00
ELK CREEK Elder Curtis Hash	Cecil Wyatt Sparta, N.C.	Cecil Wyatt, Blanche Halsey, Mary Lineback, Farah Gambill, Alt.										2nd	Aug.	22	45.00
CROSS ROADS Elder Bruce Higgins	Roy Truitt Galax, Va.	Leslie Nichols, Jerry Poe, Roy Truitt, Elder Bruce Higgins, Alt.								1		1st & 3rd	Aug.	35	150.00

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Minutes

OF THE

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OF THE

Mountain District Primitive Baptist Association

HELD WITH

Antioch Church

STRATFORD, NORTH CAROLINA
BEGINNING ON FRIDAY BEFORE THE
FIRST SUNDAY IN SEPTEMBER

1990

NEXT SESSION CONVENES WITH
PEACH BOTTOM CHURCH

Services to be held at Cross Roads Meeting House at Baywood, Va. Located seven miles west of Galax, Virginia. Turn off Route #58 (five miles west of Galax) onto Route No. 636 for .3 mile. Turn right on Route No. 626, and church is just beyond Baywood Elementary School.

BEGINNING ON FRIDAY BEFORE THE FIRST SUNDAY IN SEPTEMBER 1991 AT 10:30 A.M.

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Proceedings

OF THE MOUNTAIN DISTRICT PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

The association met with Antioch Church for its One Hundred Ninety-Second annual session.

After singing by the congregation and prayer by Elder Claude T. McKee from Mud Creek Association of Alabama the introductory sermon was preached by Elder Elas Randall Jr. from Harmony Association. Text, Proverbs 2:1.

After intermission of one hour during which lunch was served, the messengers assembled in the meeting house to attend to the business of the association. Were called to order with prayer by Elder Dewey Nelson from Walnut Cove Church.

1. Called for, received and read letters from the Churches.

2. Called for petitionary letters from other churches of the same faith and order desiring admission to the Association. None came.

3. Organized by move, second and approval to elect Elder Tim Brooks Moderator, Roy Truitt Clerk, and Jerry Poe Assistant Clerk.

4. Called for visitors from Sister Associations and Sister Churches. The following came forward and were welcomed to our midst.

ST. CLAIRS BOTTOM: Sisters Beulah Lyle, Virgie Lyle, Ethel Lyle and Brother Edd Presnell.

SENTER: Brother Woodrow Burgess, Sister Monnie Burgess, Brother Ben Miller, Sister Emmalee, Brother Donald Walters, Sister Jean Walters, Brother Grover Burchette, Sister Kathleen Burchette, Sister Lillian Richardson, Sister Zell Walker, Brother Willard Hartzog and Sister Toby Hartzog.

BEAR CREEK: Brother Clyde Locklear and Brother Reece Eury.

MUD CREEK OF ALABAMA: Brother Brett McKee.

MT. ZION: Brother Finley Ratliff and Sister Bernice Ratliff.

NEW RIVER: Sister Jane S. Puckett, Brother Harley Roberts, Sister Edna Roberts and Sister Linda Harris.

NORTHVIEW CHURCH: Brother John Dillon, Sister Betty Gunter, Brother Cranford Priddy, Sister Marie Corn, Brother

Hackett Dillon, Sister Lelia Dillon, Brother Henry Watts, Sister Janie Watts, Brother Otis Via, Jr., Sister Elaine Via, Brother and Sister Rufus Bullins.

CHESTNUT GROVE CHURCH: Sister Bessie Thomas and Sister Nina Sumner.

MT. LEBANON CHURCH: Sister Maylease Mabe.

FULK MEMORIAL: Sister Mary Faulkner.

CRAB CREEK CHURCH: Sister Mabel Funk, Sister Viola Easter, Sister Ruby Edwards, Sister Polly Caudill and Brother Guthrie Caudill.

PINE GROVE CHURCH: Brother Waltrude Slusher and Sister Emma Jean Slusher.

PILGRIM'S REST OF ALABAMA: Brother Michael Mitchell.

WALNUT COVE CHURCH: Brother Raymond Bibey, Brother Paul V. Lemons and Brother Jimmy Haynes.

INDIAN CREEK CHURCH: Brother Estel Henley, Sister Clydie Henley, Brother Lewis Henley and Sister Treva Henley.

PILGRIM'S REST OF NORTH CAROLINA: Sister Nettie Presnell.

MT. OLIVE CHURCH: Sister Joyce Hodges and Sister Margaret Davis.

5. Received minutes from the following Associations: Union Ebenezer, St. Clair's Bottom, Senter, Original Bear Creek, Original Mates Creek, Little Yadkin River, Mount Zion.

6. By move, second and approval the moderator will make all temporary committee appointments for this session.

(a) Preaching Committee: Brethren Arol Choate, Cecil Wyatt, F. G. Dillard, Paris Hackler, Blake Roberts, Roy Truitt.

(b) Finance Committee: Brethren Jack Nichols, Thomas Farmer, James Atkins, Jerry Poe, Junior Williams, Jim Mabe.

(c) Committee to distribute corresponding minutes: Brethren Norman Brown, Green Ward, Dennis Day, Sister Fara Gambill, Sister Rose Gambill.

(d) Committee on arrangements: Brethren Carl Williams, Page Wagoner, Arvel Newberry, Sister Marye Lineback, Tony Truitt, John Nichols.

(e) Temperance Committee: Brethren Arol Choate, F. G. Dillard, Blake Roberts, Roy Truitt, Paris Hackler, Green Ward.

7. By move, second and approval the Association adjourned until Saturday morning at 10:00 A.M. Closed with prayer by Elder Oscar Harris from New River Association.

SATURDAY, September 1, 1990

After singing by the congregation and prayer by Elder Raymond Sumner from Chestnut Grove Church:

1. Called roll of messengers and marked off those that were absent.

2. Called for visitors, those that came forward were added to Friday's list.

3. Called for committee on arrangements to report. They recommend the following:

(a) To have 700 copies of these minutes printed and distributed as usual.

(b) Next session of the Association to convene with Peach Bottom Church and services to be held at Cross Roads Church located seven miles west of Galax, Virginia. Turn off Route No. 58 (five miles west of Galax) onto Route No. 636 for .3 mile. Turn right on Route No. 626 and church is just beyond Baywood Elementary School.

(c) To have a memoriam of our deceased members printed in the minutes. Also obituaries and pictures that are requested by the churches.

(d) Each church in the association will be given opportunity to host 5th Sunday meetings on a rotating basis. If any church does not wish to host the meeting it will go to next church on host list.

September 1990	Galax
December 1990	Little River
March 1991	Cross Roads
June 1991	Elk Creek

(e) Print copy of recommendations from Temperance Committee:

TO THE 192nd ANNUAL SESSION OF THE MOUNTAIN DISTRICT PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

We the committee on temperance make the following recommendations. First, we support the move on the part of our churches by all six of them now ruling by Sundays rather than Saturdays. We also support the policy of Fifth Sunday meetings and are

appreciative of our churches participating in these meetings. We therefore compel our members to support these meetings with both your presence and prayers.

Second, we feel that it is gravely important that our members resume an increased visitation habit and support of our sister churches. That in doing so the cause of Christ may be furthered and brotherly love continued.

In addition, it is our strongest recommendation that our brethren and sisters be attentive to the fellowship of the Lord's people and that all present malice and habored strife be laid aside, and that forgiveness be exemplified as it behooves us in the Lord. That our members work in unity with our ministers in the building up of the Lord's people. That liberty and peace may be once again enjoyed by all.

We admonish our members not to mettle in the internal affairs of our sister churches and that the particular practices of a church, such as song books, communion sets rather that two glasses, and the collection of money be not used as tests nor bars of fellowship and visitation.

In conclusion, we request that all would join with us in prayer that the Lord of the harvest might send forth laborers in the vineyard. That he might once again open the windows of heaven and pour forth the abundance of his mercies and blessings upon our people. Help us in prayer for our ministering servants whereever they may be. That they may be strengthened in Grace and comforted in spirit in these troublesome times.

Temperance Committee

By move, second and approval the recommendations of the committee on arrangements were adopted.

4. Committee on finance gave the following report and were discharged when their duties were completed.

Received from the churches	$700.00
For printing of minutes	519.86
Gave to moderator ..... ★	50.00
★ This $50.00 added to funds for visiting elders as moderator does not desire any money for his efforts	
Late donation for next year's expenses	+ 20.00
Balance in treasury from last year	$314.54

Balance in treasury to carry over for next year $514.68

Received from Brethren, Sisters, and Friends $1,105.00

which was distributed to visiting Elders.

5. Committee to distribute corresponding minutes made their report and were discharged.

6. Committee on preaching made their report and were discharged when their duties were completed.

Friday afternoon:

Elder Milton Gunter - Isaiah 26:1
Elder Norvel Mann - Psalms 85:6
Elder Norman Bowman dismissed with prayer

Friday night:

Elder Walter Thomas introduced with prayer
Elder Roy Speir - Galatians 15:1
Elder Manning Temples - Psalm 78:5
Elder Elas Randall Jr. dismissed with prayer

Saturday morning:

Elder Manning Temples introduced with prayer
Elder Danny Parker - Hebrews 10:5

Saturday afternoon:

Elder Jay Harris introduced with prayer
Elder Claude McKee - John 7:30
Elder Paul Williams - 1st Peter 1:1
Elder Calvin Yates dismissed with prayer

Saturday night:

Elder Eugene Bennett introduced with prayer
Elder Larry Austin - Matthew 11:11
Elder James Land - John 7:45
Elder James McNeill dismissed with prayer

Sunday morning:

Elder Jess Higgins introduced with prayer
Elder James Land - Psalm 46:1
Elder Eugene Bennett - John 6:38
Elder Larry Austin dismissed with prayer

7. By move, second, and approval the clerk was appointed as treasurer and to superintend the printing of these minutes.

8. Resolve that we return thanks first to God, then to Brethren,

Sisters, and Friends for their hospitality and kindness during this Association.

9. These minutes were read and approved.

10. By move, second, and approval the Association adjourned to the time and place of the next meeting. Closed with prayer by Elder Jess Higgins.

Elder Tim Brooks, Moderator
Roy Truitt, Clerk

Thus closed the One Hundred and Ninety-Second session of the Mountain District Association in peace and fellowship. Each minister who filled the stand was wonderfully blessed to preach the gospel in its purity and love to a large congregation.

Roy Truitt, Clerk

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COMMUNION TIMES

ANTIOCH ..... June, 4th Sunday
LITTLE RIVER ..... June, 3rd Sunday
PEACH BOTTOM ..... July, 2nd Sunday
GALAX ..... August, 2nd Sunday

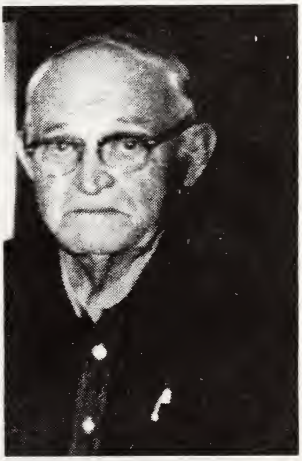
ELK CREEK ..... August, 2nd Sunday
CROSS ROADS ..... August, 3rd Sunday

MEMORIAM

It is with sadness and grief that we pause in the solemn tribute to our dear members who have passed away since our last association. Even though our hearts are grieved now, we rejoice in the glorious hope that there is an eternal city not made with hands beyond this life, where we will ever be with the Lord, where there will be no sadness and farewells.

ELK CREEK ..... Grover C. Reeves
GALAX ..... Ella Rose Kirby
CROSS ROADS ..... J. Lott Choate

A MEMORIAL TO DAVID GROVER CLEVELAND REEVES



On March 24, 1990 our community was saddened by the death of a faithful and true friend, Grover Cleveland Reeves. For more than 97 years he, with his wisdom, love and caring, touched the lives of all with whom he came in contact.

Many changes occurred during his life. He continued to live in his simple unassuming manner accepting the challenge of change with enthusiasm.

He was never too busy to try to solve a problem for his children, to speak a kind word to his grandchildren or lend a helping hand to his neighbor. He died, as he lived, with dignity.

Seven years ago his wife and companion of 67 years passed away. Although missing her greatly, he continued to go on with his life.

When recently asked what he was looking forward to he replied, "Spring"!

"For low the winter is passed
The rain is over and gone;

The time of the singing of birds is come,
And the voice of the turtle is heard in our land."

The following was found in his Bible:

TAKE A LESSON FROM THE RIVER

Take a lesson from the river;
When obstructions try to block,
It just keeps on flowing over
Or around each stone and rock.

When a mountain looms unnoticed
And is suddenly ahead,
The river meets the challenge,
Finds another course instead.

Oh the music of the river,
Is a sweeter song by far,
Than if there were no obstructions,
That would try its path to mar.

For the boulders add their beauty,
To the foamy, rhythmic beat,
It inspires the birds to singing
And the travelers to retreat.

Can a life be like a river?
Can it sing through strife and pain?
Can a person go on living
Through each sorrow, stress, and strain?

We can find a richer channel,
Round each problem hard to solve,
With a faith and trust in Jesus,
Walking hand and hand with God.

He can make the music sweeter,
And more beautiful to sing,
And each mile growing stronger
With the deeper love it brings.

For the pebbles make the music
As the river flows along,
Each obstruction adds its key notes
To the music of the song.

Author unknown

OBITUARY OF ELLA ROSE KIRBY

Written by Elder Jess B. Higgins
(September 11, 1990)

Sister Ella Rose Kirby was born July 23rd, 1893 and passed this life on November 10, 1989, making her stay on earth 96 years. She professed a blessed hope in Christ and was baptized into Galax Primitive Baptist Church and was faithful as long as she was able to attend.

Sister Ella was a wonderful person possessing Christian qualities, hard working, God fearing and very humble. After knowing her as I knew her, I could not doubt her state after death. I visited her for years at her home and the last few years of her life in Waddell Nursing Home. She was always appreciative of her family and friends. She appreciated my visits, always showing her love for God and friends. After seeing her in the last few months of her life in the nursing home I know she would not want to be back on this earth.

Her funeral was conducted November 12, 1989 at Vaughan-Guynn Chapel in Galax, Va. by Elder Jess B. Higgins and her body laid to rest in Crab Creek Church Cemetery to await the resurrection of these our bodies. Thank God for having know this dear one.

Written by request,
Elder Jess B. Higgins

OBITUARY OF J. LOTT CHOATE

Brother J. Lott Choate was born September 7, 1894 in Grayson County, Va. to William Thomas Choate and Amelia Edwards Choate and passed this life on August 12, 1990, making his stay on this earth almost 96 years. He and Sister Bess were faithful members of Crossroads Primitive Baptist Church for many years. Brother Lott loved God, he loved his church; loved his wife Bess; family, neighbors and friends.

Lott was a cheerful and happy person always able to laugh and bring cheer to others. He spoke many times to this writer of his love for God, for me and my family. After Sister Bess left the home to be in the nursing home Brother Lott seemed

despondent, as far as this life was concerned, but still maintained a cheerful spirit, as he looked beyond this vale of tears to the time when he could be with Jesus and all of the elect in a better country.

He seemed very happy to have been able to spend his last few days here with his beloved wife Bess, as he called her, at Waddell Nursing Home.

His funeral was conducted on Tuesday, August 14, 1990 by Elders Jess and Bruce Higgins at the place he loved so dearly and had been such an important part of his life, Crossroads Primitive Baptist Church, at Baywood. His body was laid to rest in Monta Vista Memory Gardens in Galax to await the glorious resurrection day.

He leaves to mourn his passing his beloved wife Bessie Wilson Choate; two daughters: Ellen Dell Wagoner and Alise Proffit; two sons, Charles Choate and Harold Choate, and one brother Seth T. Choate; ten grandchildren and eighteen great-grandchildren. We will all miss this cheerful and kind man.

Written by request,
Elder Jess B. Higgins

RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

2. A Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

3. Only one person shall speak at a time, who shall arise from his seat and address the moderator when he is about to make his speech.

4. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by any except the Moderator till he is done speaking.

5. He shall strictly adhere to the subject, and in no wise reflect on the person who spoke before, so as to make remarks on his slips, failings, or imperfections; but shall fairly state the matter as nearly as he can so as to convey his light or ideas.

6. No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the association without liberty obtained from it.

7. No person shall rise and speak more than three times on one subject without liberty obtained from the Association.

8. No member of the Association shall have liberty of laughing during the sitting of the same, nor whispering in the time of public speech.

9. No member of the Association shall address another in any appellation but the title of Brother.

10. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member in his speech or prohibit him from speaking till he gives his light on the subject, except he break the rules of this Decorum.

11. The names of the several members of the Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called over as often as the Association requires.

12. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speech as any other member, provided the chair be filled, and he shall not vote unless the Association be equally divided.

13. That any member who shall willfully and knowingly break these rules shall be reproved by the Association as they think proper.

CONSTITUTION

1. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union, and duly sent to represent them in the Association who shall be members whom they judge best qualified for that purpose, and producing letters from their respective churches, certifying their appointment, shall be entitled to a seat.

2. In the letters from the different churches there shall be expressed their number in full fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, dismissed, excommunicated and dead since the last Association.

3. The members thus chosen and convened shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor shall they have any ecclesiastical power over the churches, nor shall they infringe on any of the internal rights of any church into the union.

4. The Association, when convened, shall be governed by a proper Decorum.

5. The Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk who shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present. In the absence of the Moderator, the Clerk shall stand as a Moderator until a new Moderator can be elected.

6. Any church may be admitted into this union, who shall petition by letter and messengers, and upon examination, if found orthodox and orderly, shall be received by the Association, and manifested by the Moderator giving the messengers the right hand of fellowship.

7. Every church in the union shall be entitled to representation in the Association.

8. Every query presented by any member of the Association shall be once read and before it be debated the Moderator shall put it to vote, and, if there be a majority for its being debated, it shall be taken into consideration and be deliberated, but, if there be a majority against it, it shall be withdrawn.

9. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

10. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with the minutes of the Association, the best method for effecting that purpose shall be at the discretion of the future associations.

11. We think it absolutely necessary that we should have an Associational fund for defraying the expenses of the same, for the raising and supporting of which we think it the duty of each church in the union to contribute voluntarily such sums as they think proper, and send by the hands of their messengers to the Association, and the money thus contributed by the churches and received by the Association shall be deposited in the hands of a treasurer by the Association who shall be accountable to the Association for all money by him received and paid out according to the direction of the Association.

12. There shall be an Association Book kept, wherein the proceedings of every Association shall be regularly recorded by a secretary appointed by the Association, who may receive a compensation yearly for his trouble.

13. The minutes of the Association shall be read and cor-

rected, if need be, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association arises.

14. Amendments to this plan or form of government may be made at any time by a majority of the union, when they deem it necessary.

15. The Association shall have power (1) To provide for the general union of the churches; (2) To endeavor to preserve invoilably a chain of communion among the churches; (3) To give the churches all necessary advice in matters of difficulty; (4) To inquire into the cause why churches fail to represent themselves at any time in the Association; (5) To appropriate the means contributed by the churches for an Associational Fund to any purpose they may think proper; (6) To withdraw from any church in the union which shall violate the rules of this decorum or deviate from the orthodox principles of our religion; (7) To admit any of the distant brethren in the ministry who may be present, to assist in the transaction of business during their setting; (8) To adjourn themselves to any future time and place they may think most convenient to the churches in the union.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in only one true and living God, and that there are three persons in the Godhead, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.

2. We believe that the scriptures of the Old and New Testament, as translated in 1611 into the King James Version of the Holy Bible, is the written word of God and the only rule of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the doctrine of eternal and particular election.

4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.

5. We believe in man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature of his own free will and ability.

6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ.

7. We believe that God's elect are called, converted, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

8. We believe the saints are preserved in Jesus Christ and called and shall never fall finally away.

9. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that true believers are the only subjects of these ordinances, and that the true mode of baptism is by immersion.

10. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, both of the just and the unjust, and a general judgment and the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting and the joys of the righteous will be eternal.

11. We believe that no minister has the right to administer the ordinances only such as are regularly called and come under the imposition of hands by the presbytery, and in fellowship with a church of our faith and order.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

GALAX CHURCH, Galax, Virginia: Located at the intersection of Painter and McArthur Streets.

CROSS ROADS CHURCH, Baywood, Virginia: Located seven miles west of Galax, Virginia. Turn off Route No. 58 (five miles west of Galax) onto Route No. 636 for .3 mile. Turn right on Route No. 626, and church is just beyond Baywood Elementary School.

LITTLE RIVER CHURCH, Sparta, North Carolina: Located on Memorial Park Drive, one block east of Route 21.

PEACH BOTTOM CHURCH, Independence, Virginia: Located one mile north of Independence at intersection of Route No. 21 and 654.

ANTIOCH CHURCH, Stratford, North Carolina: Located six miles southwest of Sparta, NC. Turn off Route 221 onto Route 1167 (Antioch Church Road), go two miles, turn left on Route 1163. Just .4 mile to brick church on left of road.

ELK CREEK CHURCH, Sparta, North Carolina: Located five miles west of Sparta. From Route 21 at Twin Oaks, North Carolina, take 221 south, turn right on Route No. 93, just two miles to church on right of road.

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THE MOUNTAIN DISTRICT ASSOCIATION SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDULE 1990-1991

	FIRST SUNDAY	SECOND SUNDAY	THIRD SUNDAY	FOURTH SUNDAY
MORNING SERVICE 10:30 AM		Elk Creek Galax Peach Bottom	Little River Cross Roads	Antioch
AFTERNOON SERVICE 2:00 PM	Cross Roads			
EVENING SERVICE 7:00 PM	Peach Bottom	Little River	Antioch Galax	

FIFTH SUNDAY MEETING SCHEDULE 1990-1991

Sunday, September 30, 1990 — Galax
Sunday, December 30, 1990 — Little River
Sunday, March 31, 1991 — Cross Roads
Sunday, June 30, 1991 — Elk Creek
Sunday, September 29, 1991 —
Sunday, December 29, 1990 —

All Services Are To Begin At 10:30 AM

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES AND PASTORS	CLERKS AND ADDRESSES	MESSENGERS	Received by Baptism	Received by Letter	Received by Relations	Restored to Fellowship	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Ordained Elders	Licentiate	Sunday of Meeting	Month of Communion	Total No. in Fellowship	Contributions
PEACH BOTTOM Elder Lester Faulkner	Arvel Newberry Speedwell, Va.	Thomas Farmer, Paris Hackler, Arvel Newberry, Green Ward, Alt.										2nd	July	17	$100.00
GALAX Elder Jess Higgins	James E. Atkins Independence, Va.	Blake Roberts, John Nichols, James Atkins, Dennis Day, Alt.		1					1			2nd	Aug.	41	100.00
LITTLE RIVER Elder Walter Evans Elder Tim Brooks	Page Wagoner Sparta, N.C.	Page Wagoner, Garfield Dillard, Jack Nichols, Jim Mabe, Alt.	2							2		3rd	June	54	120.00
ELK CREEK Elder Curtis Hash	Cecil Wyatt Sparta, N.C.	Cecil Wyatt, Mary Lineback, Fairy Gambill, Rose Gambill, Alt.							1			2nd	Aug.	21	50.00
CROSS ROADS Elder Bruce Higgins	Roy Truitt Galax, Va.	Leslie Nichols, Jerry Poe, Roy Truitt, Tony Truitt, Alt.							1	1		1st & 3rd	Aug.	34	150.00
ANTIOCH Elder Walter Evans Elder Tim Brooks	Carl Williams Sparta, N.C.	Carl Williams, Arol Choate, Norman Brown, Junior Williams, Alt.										4th	June	24	180.00

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One Hundred and Ninety-Third Annual Session

OF THE

Mountain District Primitive Baptist Association

HELD WITH

Peach Bottom Church

INDEPENDENCE, VIRGINIA
BEGINNING ON FRIDAY BEFORE THE
FIRST SUNDAY IN SEPTEMBER
1991

NEXT SESSION CONVENES WITH
GALAX CHURCH

Located at the intersection of Painter and McArthur Streets
in Galax, Virginia

BEGINNING ON FRIDAY BEFORE THE FIRST
SUNDAY IN SEPTEMBER 1992 AT 10:30 A.M.

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Proceedings

OF THE MOUNTAIN DISTRICT PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

The association met with Peach Bottom Church for its One Hundred Ninety-Third annual session.

After singing by the congregation and prayer by Elder Lester Faulkner from Chestnut Grove Church the introductory sermon was preached by Elder Thomas Mann. Text, Proverbs 30:4.

After intermission of one hour during which lunch was served, the messengers assembled in the meeting house to attend to the business of the association. Were called to order with prayer by Elder Jess B. Higgins from Pine Grove Church.

1. Called for, received and read letters from the Churches.

2. Called for petitionary letters from other churches of the same faith and order desiring admission to the Association. Crab Creek came forward asking for admission and was received by motion, second and approval.

3. Organized by move, second and approval to elect Elder Tim Brooks Moderator, and Roy Truitt, Clerk, and Jerry Poe, Assistant Clerk.

4. Called for visitors from Sister Associations and Sister Churches. The following came forward and were welcomed to our midst.

SENTER ASSOCIATION: Brother Garvie Davis, Sister Ethel Davis, Sister Myrtle Caraway, Brother Paul Bare, Sister Hazel Bare, Brother Woodrow Burgess, Sister Monnie Burgess, Brother Ben Miller, Sister Ermalie Miller, Sister Louise Hartzog, Sister Lillian Richardson, Elder James McNeill.

ORIGINAL BEAR CREEK ASSOCIATION: Elder Larry Austin, Sister Nancy Austin, Sister Nora Allison.

MT. ZION ASSOCIATION: Brother Finley Ratliff, Sister Bernice Ratliff.

NEW RIVER ASSOCIATION: Brother Harley Roberts.

ORIGINAL UPPER CANOOCHEE: Elder Manning Temples, Sister Beatrice Temples.

SANDLICK ASSOCIATION: Elder Leonard Barton.

ST. CLAIRES BOTTOM ASSOCIATION: Elder Eddie Lyle, Sister Beulah Lyle, Sister Ethel Lyle.

ORIGINAL LITTLE RIVER: Elder Sexton Pope, Sister Margaret Pope, Brother Everett Williams, Sister Ruth Williams.

NO CREEK CHURCH: Elder Eugene Bennett and Sister Bennett.

CHESTNUT GROVE CHURCH: Elder Lester Faulkner, Sister Bessie Thomas.

PINE GROVE CHURCH: Elder Jess Higgins.

PULASKI CHURCH: Elder Jay Harris, Sister Reba Harris.

CHILHOWIE CHURCH: Brother Howard Davis, Sr., Sister Sibyl Davis

PLEASANT HILL CHURCH: Elder Harvey Carpenter.

WALNUT COVE CHURCH: Lic. Jimmy Haynes, Brother Raymond Bibey, Brother Paul Lemons, Brother Stacy Shepard.

NORTH VIEW CHURCH: Elder Milton Gunter.

SAINTS DELIGHT CHURCH: Elder J. A. Langham.

STUARTS CREEK CHURCH: Elder Clayton Moseley, Elder Walter Thomas.

MT. OLIVE CHURCH: Elder Thomas Mann, Sister Joyce Hodges.

INDIAN CREEK CHURCH: Brother Estel Henley, Sister Clydie Henley, Brother Lewis Henley, Sister Treva Henley.

MT. CARMEL CHURCH: Sister Elsie Evans.

5. Received minutes from the following Associations: Union, Ebenezer, St. Clair's Bottom, Senter, Original Bear Creek, Original Mates Creek, Little Yadkin River, Mount Zion, Ketocton and Sandlick.

6. By move, second and approval the moderator will make all temporary committee appointments for this session.

(a) Preaching Committee: Brethren James Hayden, Thomas Farmer, Carl Williams, James Wyatt, Roger Lineberry, Green Ward and Elder Bruce Higgins.

(b) Finance Committee: Brethren Cecil Wyatt, Blake Roberts, Arvel Newberry, Paris Hackler, John Nichols, Dennis Day, Terry Wilson.

(c) Committee to distribute corresponding minutes: Brethren Page Wagoner, Norman Brown, Jerry Poe, Junior Williams, Jesse Funk and Sister Rose Gambill.

(d) Committee on arrangements: Brethren Jack Nichols, James Atkins, Larry Spurlin, Guthrie Caudill, Sisters Fara Gambill and Marye Lineback.

7. By move, second and approval the Association adjourned until Saturday morning at 10:00 A.M. Closed with prayer by Elder Clayton Moseley from Stuarts Creek Church.

SATURDAY MORNING

After singing by the congregation and prayer by Elder Jay Harris from Pulaski Church:

1. Called roll of messengers and marked off those that were absent.

2 Called for visitors, those that came forward were added to Friday's list.

3. Called for committee on arrangements to report. They recommend the following:

(a) To have 725 copies of these minutes printed and distributed as usual.

(b) Next session of the Association to convene with Galax Church located at the intersection of Painter and McArthur Streets in Galax, Virginia.

(c) To have a memoriam of our deceased members printed in the minutes. Also obituaries and pictures that are requested by the churches.

4. That each church in the association be given the opportunity to host 5th Sunday meetings on a rotating basis. If any church does not wish to host the meeting it will go to next church on the host list. The 5th Sunday meeting schedule for the next year is recommended below.

September 29, 1991	Crab Creek Church
December 29, 1991	Antioch Church
March 29, 1992	Little River Church
May 31, 1992	Cross Roads Church
August 30, 1992	Elk Creek Church
November 29, 1992	Peach Bottom Church

By move, second and approval the recommendations of the committee on arrangements were adopted.

5. Committee on finance gave the following report and were discharged when their duties were completed.

Received from the churches	$ 921.00
For printing of minutes	621.78
Gave to moderator	–50.00
Moderator ask this be added to visiting ministers fund for next year	+50.00
Balance in treasury from last year	514.68
Balance in treasury to carry over for next year	813.90
Received from Brethren, Sisters, and Friends which was distributed to visiting Elders.	$ 937.00

6. Committee to distribute corresponding minutes made their report and were discharged.

7. Committee on preaching made their report and were discharged when their duties were completed.

Friday afternoon:

Elder Manning Temples introduced with prayer.
Elder Harvey Carpenter - Romans 8:30
Elder Eugene Bennett - Matthew 13:44
Elder Walter Thomas dismissed with prayer.

Friday night:

Elder Harvey Carpenter introduced with prayer.
Elder Jess B. Higgins - Isaiah 65:1
Elder Manning Temples - 1st Peter 2:4
Elder Bruce Higgins dismissed with prayer.

Saturday morning:

Elder Sexton Pope introduced with prayer.
Elder Manning Temples - Lamentations 3:27

Saturday afternoon:

Elder Eddie Lyle introduced with prayer.
Elder J. A. Langham - Psalms 89:15
Elder Milton Gunter - Psalms 14:1
Elder Larry Austin dismissed with prayer.

Saturday night:

Elder Leonard Barton introduced with prayer.
Elder Sexton Pope - Isaiah 40:28
Elder Jay Harris - Isaiah 8:19
Elder Larry Austin dismissed with prayer.

Sunday morning:

Elder James McNeill introduced with prayer.
Elder Larry Austin - John 2
Elder Eugene Bennett - 1st Corinthians 13:13
Lic. Jimmy Haynes dismissed with prayer.

8. By move, second, and approval the clerk was appointed as treasurer and to superintend the printing of these minutes.

9. Resolve that we return thanks first to God, then to Brethren, Sisters, and Friends for their hospitality and kindness during this association.

10. Those minutes were read and approved.

11. By move, second, and approval the Association adjourned to the time and place of the next meeting. Closed with prayer by Elder J. A. Langham.

Elder Tim Brooks, Moderator
Roy Truitt, Clerk

Thus closed the One Hundred and Ninety-Third session of the Mountain District Association in peace and fellowship. Each minister who filled the stand was wonderfully blessed to preach the gospel in its purity and love to a large congregation.

Roy Truitt, Clerk

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COMMUNION TIMES

ANTIOCH ..... June, 3rd Sunday
LITTLE RIVER ..... June, 4th Sunday
PEACH BOTTOM ..... July, 2nd Sunday
CRAB CREEK ..... July, 4th Sunday
GALAX ..... August, 2nd Sunday
ELK CREEK ..... August, 2nd Sunday
CROSS ROADS ..... August, 3rd Sunday

MEMORIAM

It is with sadness and grief that we pause in the solemn tribute to our dear members who have passed away since our last association. Even though our hearts are grieved now, we rejoice in the glorious hope that there is an eternal city not made with hands beyond this life, where we will ever be with the Lord, where there will be no sadness and farewells.

LITTLE RIVER ..... Lela R. Crouse
Kyle A. Reeves

PEACH BOTTOM ..... Dewey C. Hackler

CRAB CREEK ..... Garnett Cox
Kyle E. Edwards

ELK CREEK ..... Blanche G. Halsey

GALAX ..... J. C. Pierce
Mary O. Wilson
William Dickens

ANTIOCH ..... Arol C. Choate

LELA REBECCA CROUSE

Lela Rebecca Crouse was born April 3, 1904 to Etta Gambill and Von W. Reeves and departed this life March 12, 1991 at the age of 86 years, 11 months and 9 days.

She was a faithful and devoted member of the Little River Primitive Baptist Church in Sparta. The following note was found in her trunk.

"Oct. the Second Saturday 1922
The church met and after preaching by Elder D. S. Webb, was seated and found in fellowship. Called for joiners and Sister Carrie Edwards came forward and gave a reason of hope in Christ, was received subject for baptism, which was set for tomorrow, with three others who had joined at the association, to-wit: Brother Lon M. Reeves and wife, Sister Madge Reeves, and Lela Reeves.

Elder D. S. Webb, Mod.
V. W. Reeves, C. C.

Sunday morning they met at the water's edge and they were baptized by Elder D. S. Webb and were received in full fellowship of the church."

On September 25, 1926, she was married to George Reeves Crouse. She is survived by two children, five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

During her lifetime she took care of several of her sick and elderly relatives. Her funeral was conducted on Wednesday, March 14, 1991 at Little River Primitive Baptist Church by Elders Tim Brooks and Elder Jess Higgins. She is buried in the family cemetery on the farm where she lived.

Virginia Von Hampton

KYLE ARNOLD REEVES

Mr. Kyle Arnold Reeves of Sparta, N.C. was born November 18, 1913 and passed away November 11, 1990 making his stay on earth 76 years, 11 months and 13 days.

He was born in Alleghany County, the son of Jack and Laura Rector Reeves and was a retired merchant from the Sparta area. He was raised in a sincere Primitive Baptist Home and was baptized into the fellowship of Little River Church in Sparta. During his life he was very dedicated to his church and was greatly respected by all of those who knew him. Not only was he enjoyable to talk with on spiritual things, as an accomplished outdoorsman he was always entertaining his friends with his experiences in life.

He is survived by his wife, Jean Sexton Reeves of the home; one son: Alton Dean Reeves of Palm Springs, Fla.; three daughters: Lois Overbay of Sparta, N.C.; Lenna Evans of Ennice, N.C., and Kim Weaver of West Jefferson, N.C.; three grandchildren, Scarlet Overbay, Sparta, N.C.; Christopher Reeves and Shane Reeves, both of Statesville, N.C.; five brothers: Homer Reeves, Cleo Reeves, Jackson Reeves, all of Sparta; Del Reeves of Nashville, TN, and Willard Reeves of Palm Springs, Fla.; three sisters: Clydie Adams of Maysville, N.C.; Marie Norris of Darlington, Md. and Ann Rossen of Palm Springs, Fla.

Funeral services were conducted on Wednesday, November 13, 1990 at 2:00 pm at the Grandview Memorial Funeral Home Chapel by Elders Tim Brooks and Jess Higgins. Burial followed in the Reeves Family Cemetery in Sparta, N.C.

DEWEY C. HACKLER

In memory of Dewey C. Hackler. He was born August 24, 1898 to George and Martha Roberts Hackler at Independence, Va. and passed away June 29, 1991 making his stay on earth 92 years. He was a self-employed carpenter by trade and also a member of Peach Bottom Primitive Baptist Church. Survivors are two sons, Paris and Jesse Hackler, both of Independence, Va.; four grandchildren, Dennis Hackler, Michael Hackler and David Hackler and Patsy Montgomery, all of Independence, Va., and five great-grandchildren.

Services were conducted in the chapel of Reins-Sturdivant Funeral

Home July 1 at 2 p.m. with Elder Tim Brooks and Jess B. Higgins officiating. Burial followed in the Pleasant Hill Cemetery.

Dewey was a cheerful person, he loved to laugh. He loved for people to visit him. It would make him so happy for people to come and visit. He was very independent, not wanting to cause his family any trouble by waiting on him. He loved to go to church and did until his hearing was impaired that he couldn't hear. Many good things could be said about Dewey. He would give you anything he had that you needed. He died sitting in the swing, just like he wanted to go. So the Good Lord granted him his wish.

Written by a daughter-in-law,
Margaret Hackler

DOCK GARNETT COX

Brother Dock Garnett Cox was born May 21, 1902 in Alleghany County, N.C., to John Truman Cox and Nancy Anders Cox. He married Novella Hayes Dancy February 24, 1964. He passed this life October 20, 1990, making his stay on this earth 88 years, four months and 29 days.

His survivors are his wife, Novella Cox of Sparta, N.C.; one brother, Preston Cox of Sparta, N.C., and two step-daughters, Margie Kilby of North Wilkesboro, N.C., and Billie Blevins of Fenton, Michigan.

Brother Garnett was baptized into the fellowship of Crab Creek Primitive Baptist Church the first Sunday in September, 1975, and remained a faithful member until his death. He was always cheerful and seemed to accept life's downfalls with grace and humility. We will all miss Brother Garnett but feel our loss is his eternal gain.

His funeral service was held at Grandview Memorial Chapel by Rev. Fred Jennings and his pastor, Elder Jess B. Higgins. His body was laid to rest in Sparta, N.C. cemetery, to await the glorious resurrection morning.

Written by request,
Elder Jess B. Higgins

KYLE EUGENE EDWARDS

Kyle Eugene Edwards was born Sept. 28th, 1904, and passed this life Jan. 21, 1991, making his stay on this earth 86 years, 3 months, 23 days. He married Ruby Evans December 3, 1930. Two daughters were born to this union. He is survived by his wife, Ruby; daughters, Doris Jean Phipps of Ohio and Peggy Blevins of Sparta, N.C.; six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Brother Kyle united with Crab Creek Primitive Baptist Church March 24, 1973 and remained a faithful member until his death. One great virtue of Kyle Edwards was that he never wanted to be late. He desired always to be early and never late. Kyle worked for N. C. Department of Highways as section foreman 42 years, also was prospered as a farmer for many years. He told this writer that his father taught him never to be seen carrying a lantern in the evening, but in the early morning.

I enjoyed being around Kyle because of his cheerfulness and sincerity. He became very sick suddenly and as I was visiting him in the hospital at Sparta on Sunday he stated that he would probably never see me again in this life. I doubted what he said but this was the last time I saw him alive.

His funeral service was held at Grandview Memorial Chapel January 23, 1991 with a large congregation in attendance by Elder Jess B. Higgins with interment in Crab Creek Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery.

We will all miss Brother Kyle but still we know that our loss is his eternal gain.

May God bless his entire surviving family.

Written by request,
Elder Jess B. Higgins

BLANCHE GAMBILL HALSEY

"She has seen the sunrise with the Master,
Earth's long and weary night passed away,
All her pain and earthly cares have been forgotten,
In the land of quiet joy and endless day.

Faithful and kind in all her ways,
Upright and just to the end of her days,
Sincere and true in heart and mind,
What a beautiful memory she leaves behind!"

Mrs. Blanche Gambill Halsey, the daughter of Aaron and Mattie Murray Gambill, was born on July 27, 1909, and passed away on May 25, 1991. Her husband, William Dean, preceded her in death. She is survived by Bobby, Jimmy Dean, and seven grandchildren.

Mrs. Halsey was a faithful member of the Elk Creek Primitive Baptist Church, having served as treasurer for many years. Her home and her church were so very closely interrelated that each was enriched by the other. As a devout Christian, a superior homemaker, and dedicated teacher. she succeeded in leaving a great legacy.

Her strong heritage was vividly demonstrated during her illness. Mrs. Rita Woodruff, a Hospice Volunteer, said, "Mrs. Halsey was a very independent, wonderful lady, and a joy to be around. Her sons were constantly supportive as well as the other family members." She was resolute, calm, and courageous, displaying the kind of steadfast faith toward the end that had characterized her live all along her earthly journey.

Her life was an inspiration, her memory a benediction.

J. C. PIERCE, JR.

John Cornelius Pierce, Jr. was born August 9th, 1918 in Pulaski County, Virginia, to John Cornelius Pierce, Sr. and Della Ward Pierce. He passed this life October 19, 1990, making his stay on earth 72 years, 2 months and 10 days.

Surviving is his wife, Sue Pierce; three sisters, Glenna Moore, Mary Ruth Nail and Wanda Lowe; three brothers, Cone Pierce, Elder Ralph Pierce and Clarence Pierce; several nieces and nephews.

J. C. loved varied types of music, especially singing of hymns and made many friends through music and singing. He was very talented in wood work, making clocks and varied things with his hands. J. C. has been greatly missed in the Primitive Baptist Churches where he often led congregational singing. He certainly was not a self-righteous person, making no claims of doing good works in order to be God's child. This would, I think, be J. C.'s testimony, found in the book of Job; (40:4) - "Behold, I am vile." This was not said by Cain in a remorseful moment after his murder of Abel; nor by Judas after he had betrayed the Saviour into the hands of his enemies; instead it was the words of Job, of whom God said: There is none like him in the earth, a perfect (sincere) and an upright man; one that feareth God and escheweth evil. Job said this as he was blessed to see the Lord's startling perfections and his own nature - not because of his losses or afflictions.

I personally had a great relationship with J. C., working for many years with him on the radio program.

His funeral service was held at Vaughan-Guynn Chapel in Galax October 21, 1990, with one of the largest crowds present that I have ever seen at a funeral service in this area. His funeral service was conducted by Elder Jess B. Higgins and his body laid to rest in Coal Creek Community Cemetery to await the glorious resurrection day. God bless his surviving family. He was a member of Galax Primitive Baptist Church.

Written by request,
Elder Jess B. Higgins

MARY OLIVIA WILSON

Sister Mary O. Wilson was born February 16, 1900, to William Chap Lundy and Augustine Davis Lundy, in North Carolina. Sister Mary was not able to attend her home church, Galax Primitive Baptist, for many years. I was blessed to visit her many times in her home. She enjoyed her neighbors and friends visiting her, loving to communicate with them.

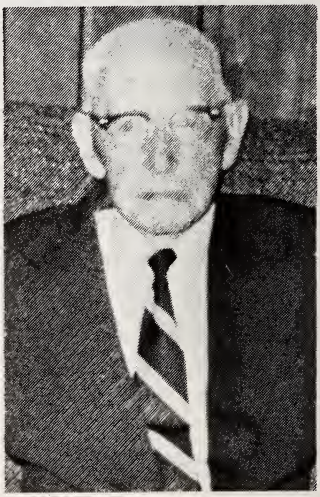
Mary passed this life October 15, 1990, making her stay on earth 90 years, seven months and 29 days. Her funeral service was held October 17, 1990, at Vaughan-Guynn Chapel in Galax, Va. with interment in the Galax City Cemetery, beside her husband, Everett.

She is survived by one son, Wilford Wilson, three grandchildren, six great-grandchildren.

There is no doubt in this writer's mind but what Sister Mary was one of God's little children. We loved her very much and hope by God's grace to see her again.

Written by
Elder Jess B. Higgins

WILLIAM DICKENS



William Dickens was born April 28, 1900 at Fancy Gap, Va., to Charles and Louisa Bowman Dickens. He married Abbie Semones August 4th, 1926. Brother William united with Galax Primitive Baptist Church May 11th, 1969, and was baptized June 8th, 1969, by Elders F. R. Moore and Jess Higgins. He passed this life November 19th, 1990.

Survivors are his wife, Abbie Semones Dickens; daughters, Mrs. Flora Aldred, Mrs. Freeda Rector and Mrs. Georgie Eastridge; one son, James C. Dickens, and one brother, Cecil Dickens; also, six

grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and three step-great-grandchildren.

The "Lord" appeared early in life to William and he often said from that time he was afraid to do many things that other children did, knowing that the Lord was watching him. He and Sister Abbie were not able the last few years to attend church. William and Abbie possessed many virtues, one of them being when this writer would visit them through the years they asked him about our meetings and supported the church and pastor with their financial support. Brother William will be long remembered by his family and friends. He was as honest as a man could be. His funeral service was conducted November 21, 1990 at Vaughan-Guynn Chapel in Galax by Elder Jess Higgins and his body laid to rest in Semones Cemetery in Carroll County, Va., to await the glorious resurrection. Rest in peace, Brother William, until that day. May God bless his entire surviving family.

Written by request,
Elder Jeff B. Higgins

AROL CHARLIE CHOATE

Arol Charlie Choate was born September 11, 1909, departed this life April 5, 1991, making his stay on earth 81 years, 6 months and 24 days.

Brother Arol was married to Lucy Absher Choate April 9, 1932. Unto this union was born one daughter, Delano Choate.

Brother Arol united with Antioch Primitive Baptist Church May 10, 1952. He was baptized the same evening by Elder Walter Evans and C. B. Kilby. He was ordained as Deacon of Antioch Church July 27, 1957, elected as church treasurer June 27, 1970.

He was a dear friend, a sweet and loving husband, father. Bro. Arol loved his church, brothers and sisters. He and Sister Lucy were most faithful in attendance and support of their church. He will be missed so much. Brother Arol and Sister Lucy loved to have visiting elders and

sisters, brothers and friends to dinner in their home. He loved to talk about the Bible.

Brother Arol was a good friend, neighbor to everyone. I believe Bro. Arol is resting in paradise of the Lord and is waiting for the resurrection of the body.

Surviving Brother Arol besides his wife Lucy and daughter Delano are two brothers: Sabert G. Choate, Melborne, Florida, Roy L. Choate, North Wilkesboro, N.C., many friends and other relatives to mourn his passing.

Written by request,
Carl Williams

RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

2. A Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

3. Only one person shall speak at a time, who shall arise from his seat and address the moderator when he is about to make his speech.

4. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by any except the Moderator till he is done speaking.

5. He shall strictly adhere to the subject, and in no wise reflect on the person who spoke before, so as to make remarks on his slips, failings, or imperfections; but shall fairly state the matter as nearly as he can so as to convey his light or ideas.

6. No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the association without liberty obtained from it.

7. No person shall rise and speak more than three times on one subject without liberty obtained from the Association.

8. No member of the Association shall have liberty of laughing during the sitting of the same, nor whispering in the time of public speech.

9. No member of the Association shall address another in any appellation but the title of Brother.

10. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member in his speech or prohibit him from speaking till he gives his light on the subject, except he break the rules of this Decorum.

11. The names of the several members of the Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called over as often as the Association requires.

12. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speech as any other member, provided the chair be filled, and he shall not vote unless the Association be equally divided.

13. That any member who shall willfully and knowingly break these rules shall be reproved by the Association as they think proper.

CONSTITUTION

1. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union, and duly sent to represent them in the Association who shall be members whom they judge best qualified for that purpose, and producing letters from their respective churches, certifying their appointment, shall be entitled to a seat.

2. In the letters from the different churches there shall be expressed their number in full fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, dismissed, excommunicated and dead since the last Association.

3. The members thus chosen and convened shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor shall they have any ecclesiastical power over the churches, nor shall they infringe on any of the internal rights of any church into the union.

4. The Association, when convened, shall be governed by a proper Decorum.

5. The Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk who shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present. In the absence of the Moderator, the Clerk shall stand as a Moderator until a new Moderator can be elected.

6. Any church may be admitted into this union, who shall petition by letter and messengers, and upon examination, if found orthodox and orderly, shall be received by the Association, and manifested by the Moderator giving the messengers the right hand of fellowship.

7. Every church in the union shall be entitled to representation in the Association.

8. Every query presented by any member of the Association shall be once read and before it be debated the Moderator shall put it to vote, and, if there be a majority for its being debated, it shall be taken into consideration and be deliberated, but, if there be a majority against it, it shall be withdrawn.

9. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

10. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with the minutes of the Association, the best method for effecting that purpose shall be at the discretion of the future associations.

11. We think it absolutely necessary that we should have an Associational fund for defraying the expenses of the same, for the raising and supporting of which we think it the duty of each church in the union to contribute voluntarily such sums as they think proper, and send by the hands of their messengers to the Association, and the money thus contributed by the churches and received by the Association shall be deposited in the hands of a treasurer by the Association who shall be accountable to the Association for all money by him received and paid out according to the direction of the Association.

12. There shall be an Association Book kept, wherein the proceedings of every Association shall be regularly recorded by a secretary appointed by the Association, who may receive a compensation yearly for his trouble.

13. The minutes of the Association shall be read and cor-

rected, if need be, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association arises.

14. Amendments to this plan or form of government may be made at any time by a majority of the union, when they deem it necessary.

15. The Association shall have power (1) To provide for the general union of the churches; (2) To endeavor to preserve invoilably a chain of communion among the churches; (3) To give the churches all necessary advice in matters of difficulty; (4) To inquire into the cause why churches fail to represent themselves at any time in the Association; (5) To appropriate the means contributed by the churches for an Associational Fund to any purpose they may think proper; (6) To withdraw from any church in the union which shall violate the rules of this decorum or deviate from the orthodox principles of our religion; (7) To admit any of the distant brethren in the ministry who may be present, to assist in the transaction of business during their setting; (8) To adjourn themselves to any future time and place they may think most convenient to the churches in the union.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in only one true and living God, and that there are three persons in the Godhead, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.

2. We believe that the scriptures of the Old and New Testament, as translated in 1611 into the King James Version of the Holy Bible, is the written word of God and the only rule of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the doctrine of eternal and particular election.

4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.

5. We believe in man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature of his own free will and ability.

6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ.

7. We believe that God's elect are called, converted, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

8. We believe the saints are preserved in Jesus Christ and called and shall never fall finally away.

9. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that true believers are the only subjects of these ordinances, and that the true mode of baptism is by immersion.

10. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, both of the just and the unjust, and a general judgment and the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting and the joys of the righteous will be eternal.

11. We believe that no minister has the right to administer the ordinances only such as are regularly called and come under the imposition of hands by the presbytery, and in fellowship with a church of our faith and order.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

GALAX CHURCH, Galax, Virginia: Located at the intersection of Painter and McArthur Streets.

CROSS ROADS CHURCH, Baywood, Virginia: Located seven miles west of Galax, Virginia. Turn off Route No. 58 (five miles west of Galax) onto Route No. 636 for .3 mile. Turn right on Route No. 626, and church is just beyond Baywood Elementary School.

LITTLE RIVER CHURCH, Sparta, North Carolina: Located on Memorial Park Drive, one block east of Route 21.

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ANTIOCH CHURCH, Stratford, North Carolina: Located six miles southwest of Sparta, NC. Turn off Route 221 onto Route 1167 (Antioch Church Road), go two miles, turn left on Route 1163. Just .4 mile to brick church on left of road.

ELK CREEK CHURCH, Sparta, North Carolina: Located five miles west of Sparta. From Route 21 at Twin Oaks, North Carolina, take 221 south, turn right on Route No. 93, just two miles to church on right of road.

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THE MOUNTAIN DISTRICT ASSOCIATION SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDULE
1991-1992

	FIRST SUNDAY	SECOND SUNDAY	THIRD SUNDAY	FOURTH SUNDAY
MORNING SERVICE 10:30 AM	Crab Creek	Elk Creek Galax Peach Bottom	Little River Cross Roads	Antioch Crab Creek
AFTERNOON SERVICE 2:00 PM	Cross Roads			
EVENING SERVICE 7:00 PM	Peach Bottom	Little River	Antioch Galax	

FIFTH SUNDAY MEETING SCHEDULE 1991-1992

Sunday, September 29, 1991 ..... Crab Creek Church
Sunday, December 29, 1991 ..... Antioch Church
Sunday, March 29, 1992 ..... Little River Church
Sunday, May 31, 1992 ..... Cross Roads Church
Sunday, August 30, 1992 ..... Elk Creek Church
Sunday, November 29, 1992 ..... Peach Bottom Church

All services to begin at 10:30 A.M. on 5th Sundays

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES AND PASTORS	CLERKS AND ADDRESSES	MESSENGERS	Received by Baptism	Received by Letter	Received by Relations	Restored to Fellowship	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Ordained Elders	Licentiate	Sunday of Meeting	Month of Communion	Total No. in Fellowship	Contributions
GALAX Elder Jess Higgins	James E. Atkins Independence, Va.	Blake Roberts, John Nichols, James Atkins, Dennis Day, Alt.	4	0	0	1	0	1	3	0	0	2nd & 3rd	Aug.	42	$120.00
LITTLE RIVER Elder Walter Evans Elder Tim Brooks	Aubrey C. Brooks Ennice, N.C.	James Hayden, Jack Nichols, Roger Lineberry, Page Wagoner, Alt.	4	1	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	3rd & 2nd	June	57	$165.00
ELK CREEK Elder Curtis Hash	Cecil Wyatt Sparta, N.C.	Cecil Wyatt, Farah Gambill, Mary Lineback, Rose Gambill, Alt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2nd	Aug.	20	$ 90.00
CROSS ROADS Elder Bruce Higgins	Roy Truitt Galax, Va.	Elder Bruce Higgins, Jerry Poe, Roy Truitt, Terry Wilson, Alt.	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1st & 3rd	Aug.	35	$150.00
ANTIOCH Elder Walter Evans Elder Tim Brooks	Carl Williams Sparta, N.C.	Carl Williams, Junior Williams, Norman Brown	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	4th	June	24	$180.00
CRAB CREEK Elder Jess Higgins	James Wyatt Ennice, N.C.	James Wyatt, Larry Spurlin, Guthrie Caudill	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	1st & 4th	July	39	$116.00
PEACH BOTTOM Elder Tim Brooks	Arvel Newberry Speedwell, Va.	Paris Hackler, Thomas Farmer, Arvel Newberry	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2nd	July	16	$100.00

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Minutes

OF THE

One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth Annual Session

OF THE

Mountain District Primitive Baptist Association

HELD WITH

Galax Church

GALAX, VIRGINIA
BEGINNING ON FRIDAY BEFORE THE
FIRST SUNDAY IN SEPTEMBER
1992

NEXT SESSION CONVENES WITH
CRAB CREEK CHURCH
ENNICE, NORTH CAROLINA
Located on Route #18 East of Sparta, North Carolina
All services to be held at Crab Creek Church

BEGINNING ON FRIDAY BEFORE THE FIRST
SUNDAY IN SEPTEMBER 1993 AT 10:30 A.M.

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Proceedings

OF THE MOUNTAIN DISTRICT PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

The association met with Galax Church for its One Hundred Ninety-Fourth annual session.

After singing by the congregation and prayer by Elder Franklin Oresta from Mt. Zion Association the introductory sermon was preached by Elder Thomas Mann. Text, Ephesians 2:1.

After intermission of one hour during which lunch was served, the messengers assembled in the meeting house to attend to the business of the association. Were called to order with prayer by Lic. Jimmy Haynes from Walnut Cove Church.

1. Called for, received and read letters from the Churches.

2. Called for petitionary letters from other churches of the same faith and order desiring admission to the Association. None came.

3. Organized by move, second and approval to elect Elder Tim Brooks Moderator, Roy Truitt Clerk and Jerry Poe Assistant Clerk.

4. Called for visitors from Sister Associations and Sister Churches. The following came forward and were welcomed to our midst.

SENTER ASSOCIATION: Sister Beverly Barker, Sister Kathleen Barker, Sister Myrtle Caroway, Sister Lillian Richardson, Elder James McNeill.

ORIGINAL LITTLE RIVER ASSOCIATION: Elder Sexton Pope, Sister Margaret Pope.

MT. ZION ASSOCIATION: Brother Finley Ratliff, Sister Bernice Ratliff, Elder Franklin Oresta, Elder Alford Compton.

BEAR CREEK ASSOCIATION: Brother Joe Myers, Elder L. Richard Cox.

NEW RIVER ASSOCIATION: Brother Harley Roberts

FELLOWSHIP CHURCH: Sister Vivian Cassell.

STUARTS CREEK CHURCH: Sister Margie Love, Elder Walter Thomas.

INDIAN CREEK CHURCH: Brother Lewis Henley, Sister Treva Henley, Brother Estel W. Henley, Sister Clydie Henley.

WALNUT COVE CHURCH: Brother J. F. Mounce, Brother Raymond J. Bibey, Lic. Jimmy Haynes.

MT. OLIVE CHURCH: Sister Joyce Hodges, Elder Thomas Mann.

NORTH VIEW CHURCH: Brother Cranford Priddy.

MARTIN CHURCH: Sister Ethel A. Vass.

PINE GROVE CHURCH: Elder Jess B. Higgins, Elder Ronald Bowman.

AFTON ROAD CHURCH: Elder Dan Parker.

SANDLICK ASSOCIATION: Elder Leonard Barton, Sister Maggie Barton, Elder Elmer G. Compton.

EBENEZER ASSOCIATION: Elder J. Toliver Utz.

PLEASANT HILL CHURCH: Elder Harvey Carpenter.

CANOOCHEE ASSOCIATION: Elder Dewey Hollingsworth.

5. Received minutes from the following Associations: Union, Ebenezer, St. Clair's Bottom, Senter, Original Bear Creek, Original Mates Creek, Little Yadkin River, Mount Zion, Ketocton, Sandlick and Original Little River.

6. By move, second and approval the moderator will make all temporary committee appointments for this session.

(a) Preaching Committee: Brethren John Nichols, Woodrow Burgess, Jack Nichols, Raymond Nichols, James Wyatt, and Paris Hackler.

(b) Finance Committee: Brethren James Atkins, Blake Roberts, Page Wagoner, Junior Williams, Thomas Farmer and Guthrie Caudill.

(c) Committee to distribute corresponding minutes: Brethren Jerry Poe, Terry Wilson, Norman Brown, Sisters Farah Gambill, Rose Gambill and Glenna Brown.

(d) Committee on arrangements: Brethren Carl Williams, James Hayden, Roger Lineberry, Cecil Wyatt, Green Ward, Sisters Marye Rector and Viola Easter.

7. By move, second and approval the Association adjourned until Saturday morning at 10:00 A.M. Closed with prayer by Elder Thomas Mann from Mt. Olive Church, Roanoke, Virginia.

SATURDAY MORNING

After singing by the congregation and prayer by Elder Elmer Compton from Sandlick Association:

1. Called roll of messengers and marked off those that were absent.

2. Called for visitors, those that came forward were added to Friday's list.

3. Called for committee on arrangements to report. They recommend the following:

(a) To have 700 copies of these minutes printed and distributed as usual.

(b) Next session of the Association to convene with Crab Creek Church, Ennice, North Carolina, located on Route #18 East of Sparta, North Carolina. All services to be held at Crab Creek Church.

(c) To have a memoriam of our deceased members printed in the minutes. Also obituaries and pictures that are requested by the churches.

4. That each church in the Association be given the opportunity to host 5th Sunday meetings on a rotating basis. If any church does not wish to host the meeting it will go to the next church on the host list. 5th Sunday meetings for the next year:

November 29, 1992 ---------- Peach Bottom
January 31, 1993 ---------- Antioch
May 30, 1993 ---------- Elk Creek
August 29, 1993 ---------- Cross Roads
October 31, 1993 ---------- Galax

By move, second and approval the recommendations of the committee on arrangements were adopted.

5. Committee on finance gave the following report and were discharged when their duties were completed.

Received from the churches ----------	$ 915.00
For printing of minutes ----------	626.48
Gave to moderator ----------	100.00
Moderator asked that this $100.00 be given to Visiting Elders. This includes 1991 $50.00 as Clerk forgot to add it to Visiting Elders' Funds last year	
Balance in treasury from last year ----------	$ 813.90
Balance in treasury to carry over for next year --	1,002.42
Received from Brethren, Sisters, and Friends ---- which was distributing to visiting Elders.	915.00

6. Committee to distribute corresponding minutes made their report and were discharged.

7. Committee on preaching made their report and were discharged when their duties were completed.

Friday afternoon:

Prayer by Elder L. Richard Cox
Elder Dan Parker John 3:16
Elder Thomas Mann dismissed with prayer.

Friday night:

Elder Dewey Hollingsworth introduced with prayer.
Elder Leonard Barton - Romans 10:13
Elder Tolliver Utz - Jeremiah 15:19
Elder Bruce Higgins dismissed with prayer.

Saturday morning:

Elder Elmer Compton introduced with prayer.
Elder Danny Parker - Isaiah 40:28
Elder Ronald Bowman dismissed with prayer.

Saturday afternoon:

Elder Dewey Hollingsworth introduced with prayer.
Elder James McNeill - Hebrews 10:4
Elder Harvey Carpenter - Luke 12:32
Elder Sexton Pope dismissed with prayer.

Saturday night:

Elder Bruce Higgins introduced with prayer.
Elder Sexton Pope - II Peter 3:1
Elder Dewey Hollingsworth - Leviticus 25:23
Brother Bobby Absher dismissed with prayer.

Sunday morning:

Elder Floyd South introduced with prayer.
Brother Terry Wilson - Romans 8:6
Elder Jess Higgins - St. Matthew 15:1
Elder Tim Brooks - Joshua 2:18
Elder Bruce Higgins dismissed with prayer.

8. By move, second, and approval the clerk was appointed as treasurer and to superintend the printing of these minutes.

9. Resolve that we return thanks first to God, then to Brethren, Sisters, and Friends for their hospitality and kindness during this association.

10. These minutes were read and approved.

Elder Brooks admonished the Association to pray and to work for the betterment and up-building of God's Kingdom here on this earth. To show more kindness and to extend help to others, to attend services on a regular basis and to show more zeal for the cause of Christ.

11. By move, second, and approval the Association adjourned to the time and place of the next meeting. Closed with prayer by Elder Ronald Bowman from Pine Grove Church.

Elder Tim Brooks, Moderator
Roy L. Truitt, Clerk
Jerry Poe, Assistant Clerk

Thus closed the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth session of the Mountain District Association in peace and fellowship. Each minister who filled the stand was wonderfully blessed to preach the gospel in its purity and love to a large congregation.

Roy L. Truitt, Clerk

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COMMUNION TIMES

ANTIOCH ..... June, 4th Sunday
LITTLE RIVER ..... June, 3rd Sunday
PEACH BOTTOM ..... July, 2nd Sunday
CRAB CREEK ..... July, 4th Sunday
GALAX ..... August, 2nd Sunday
ELK CREEK ..... August, 2nd Sunday
CROSS ROADS ..... August, 3rd Sunday

MEMORIAM

It is with sadness and grief that we pause in the solemn tribute to our dear members who have passed away since our last association. Even though our hearts are grieved now, we rejoice in the glorious hope that there is an eternal city not made with hands beyond this life, where we will ever be with the Lord, where there will be no sadness and farewells.

LITTLE RIVER ..... Elder William Walter Evans

ELK CREEK ..... Maude McMillan Gambill

GALAX ..... O. C. Martin

CRAB CREEK ..... Novella Hayes Cox
Roy Commodore Carr

ANTIOCH ..... William Lloyd Absher

CROSS ROADS ..... Bessie Wilson Choate
John Edgar Truitt
Hallie Fortner McLean

A TRIBUTE TO A FAITHFUL SOLDIER

The Mountain District Primitive Baptist Association would like to first give thanks to God and second to offer this tribute in memory of Elder Walter Evans for his many years of faithful service as moderator, pastor and member of this Association. We offer thanks for his continuous efforts among the Lord's people for so many years. May we that remain find strength and courage in the memories of Elder Evans' faithfulness to the cause of Christ.

ELDER WILLIAM WALTER EVANS

ELDER W. WALTER EVANS

On Sunday, January 12, 1992, our beloved brother, Elder William Walter Evans, age 82, an able preacher and defender of the faith, passed from this life in a local hospital in Sparta, North Carolina.

Elder Evans was united in marriage to Hattie Elizabeth Andrews on February 11, 1931 and to this faithful union were born 11 children. Two children died as infants and a son, William Roger, died January 9, 1981. Mrs. Evans predeceased her husband on June 11, 1988. Eight children survive: Louis Evans, Ellen Miles, Ann Petty, Ruth Selway, Wade Evans, Iva Clodfelter, Wanda Long and Pat Dillard as well as sixteen grandchildren and fourteen great-grandchildren. In October, 1989 Elder Evans married Elsie Anderson who also survives him.

Elder Evans was an outstanding and exceptional gift to the Primitive Baptist Church. He first united with New Salem Regular Baptist November 3, 1930 and was ordained to the ministry of that order August 8, 1936. But, how "can two walk together, except they be agreed? Elder Evans taught that God was sovereign, who foreknew and predestinated an elect people in Christ Jesus before the world began, and that Jesus died for the sins of the elect, was buried and rose again for their justification. So, on the third Saturday in November, 1951, Elder Evans united with Little River Primitive Baptist Church in Sparta, North Carolina and was baptized that afternoon.

During Elder Evans' ministry, he served Little River Primitive Baptist Church who called him the same day he was ordained on the third Saturday in December, 1951. He also pastored Antioch, Elk Creek, Union and Piney Creek churches.

In addition to an exceptional preaching gift with an unwavering keen insight into the Holy scriptures, Elder Evans had a wonderful and spiritual singing voice. He had one of the most unusual tenor voices, and when he was in good health, one could hear that voice ringing throughout the churches he visited and served. Often after some urging, Elder Evans would line one of his old favorite hymns to which none could equal. Elder Evans also wrote many hymns and poems concerning his experience and the grace of Almighty God.

On Wednesday, January 15, 1992, Elder Lasserre Bradley, Jr. conducted the funeral service for Elder Evans at Grandview Memorial Chapel. The chapel was filled to capacity and local Elders sung the songs most loved by Elder Evans. Interment was in the New Salem Cemetery.

Elder Evans will be missed as a powerful minister, a soldier of the cross, a loving father and a devoted grandfather. The churches which he served will continue to reap the benefits of his labors and faithfulness for years to come. "Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth; Yea saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors, and their works do follow them." His once powerful, melodious tenor voice which rang throughout the Blue Ridge mountains, now rings throughout the everlasting hills of eternity of the redeeming grace of his Lord and Saviour.

Respectfully submitted by
E. W. Hooven, Jr. at the request of
the family of Elder Walter Evans

MRS. MAUDE McMILLAN GAMBILL

Mrs. Maude McMillan Gambill, daughter of Irdell and Mary Ann McMillan, was born March 14, 1894, and passed away December 22, 1991.

Her husband, Robert Cleve, preceded her in death February, 1982.

Maude and Cleve were married February 12, 1912, and joined Elk Creek Primitive Baptist Church soon after, where both were devout members until death.

Maude loved to sing, often was heard singing at home.

She is survived by two sons, Tam and Robert, and two daughters, Mrs. Art Lepley, Timmonium, Md., and Mrs. Marye Lineback Rector of Sparta, N.C., fourteen grandchildren and fifteen great-grandchildren.

Preceded in death by two sons, Dale and Arthur of Sparta.

A week before her death, she picked up a memorial of her son's, Dale, who had passed away one week before and read to me the words. She said, "I love this poem."

Crossing the Bar by Tennyson

The Lord spared her the sting of death, which she said many times that she dreaded. She passed away while asleep.

Her funeral service was held at Grandview Funeral Home in Sparta, December 24, 1992, with a large crowd attending.

Her service was conducted by Elder Tim Brooks and her body laid to rest in Elk Creek Primitive Baptist Cemetery to await the glorious Resurrection Day.

She left a lot of precious memories for we who survive.

Written by daughter,
Marye Lineback Rector

O. C. MARTIN

Brother O. C. Martin, age 87, departed this life April 17, 1992. He was a member of Galax Primitive Baptist Church. He is survived by his wife, Norma M. Martin; two daughters, Millie M. Feuer and Lois M. Hastings; two sons, Charles Lewis Martin and Roger A. Martin. Brother Martin was received by experience and baptism into the fellowship of Harmony Grove Primitive Baptist Church having joined that body on October 9, 1963 and baptized on October 13, 1963 by the Pastor, Elder W. L. Garder, assisted by Elder Reuben Hawks, Jr. He asked for and was granted liberty to speak from the pulpit in January, 1966, by Harmony Grove Primitive Baptist Church.

His funeral service was conducted on April 21, 1992, at Vaughan-Guynn Chapel in Galax with burial in Felts Cemetery by Elder Joe H. McGrady. Brother Martin is missed very much by family and friends.

Written by request,
Elder Joe H. McGrady

NOVELLA HAYES DANCY COX

Novella Hayes Dancy Cox was born in Wilkes County, N.C., on April 19, 1909, to Calvin and Aria Elledge Hayes. She passed this life on June 28, 1992, at the age of 83. Novella was a faithful member of Crab Creek Primitive Baptist Church, Ennice, N.C., and attended regularly, as long as she was able to attend. She told this writer of a beautiful vision she had, shortly before her death. She said she saw a beautiful place and it made her so happy and would have made anyone happy to have seen such a beautiful place. Novella was a wonderful person and had many friends.

Her funeral service was held June 30, 1991, at Grandview Memorial Chapel, in Sparta, N.C., with a large congregation in attendance, with burial in Sparta Cemetery. Elder Jess Higgins and Brother Fred Jennings conducted her funeral service.

She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Margie Kilby of North Wilkesboro, N.C., and Mrs. Billie Blevins of Flushing, Michigan; one sister, Mrs. Dallene Grant of Norfolk, Va., and nine grandchildren, four step-children, 10 step-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by husband, Charles H. Dancy in 1959, a son, Charles C. Dancy in 1977 and husband Garnett Cox in 1990.

Sister Novella will be missed by all of her family and friends, but we all know she is better off, because she is now at rest.

Written by request, Elder Jess Higgins

ROY COMMODORE CARR

Roy Commodore Carr was born September 23, 1902, in Alleghany County, N.C., to Morris Jefferson Carr and Margie Higgins Carr and passed this life November 24, 1991, making his stay on earth 89 years, two months and one day. He was married to Leona Smith April 4, 1926, at Galax, Va., by Elder J. A. Moxley.

Brother Roy united with Crab Creek Primitive Baptist Church June 26, 1971 and was baptized by Elders Jess Higgins and Bruce Thomas in Crab Creek, just below the church. He expressed a wonder-ful feeling of peace, after his baptism and asked this writer why I had not told him it would be that wonderful. I replied that I had been trying, but that no one could really know until they had experienced this joy for themselves.

His funeral service was conducted by Elder Jess Higgins and Brother Fred Jennings in Crab Creek Primitive Baptist Church November 26, 1991, with interment in Crab Creek Cemetery. He is survived by his wife, Leona Smith Carr; two daughters, Helen Pollard, Danville, Va. and Frances Carico, Galax, Va.; one brother, Dean Carr, Galax, Va.; two sisters, Vella Cockerham and Virginia Dolinger; four grandchildren, two great-grandchildren and one step-great-grandchild.

Roy is greatly missed by his family and friends but we all know our loss if his eternal gain. He loved his family, God and country, and has left a wonderful testimony of honesty and devotion. May God bless his entire surviving family. This writer will treasure the wonderful fellowship and love which I shared with Roy as long as I am able to do so.

Written by request, Elder Jess Higgins

WILLIAM LLOYD ABSHER

William Lloyd Absher was born on August 18, 1910 to Joseph P. Absher and Martha Toliver Absher. He departed this life on January 8, 1992, making his stay on earth 81 years, four months, and 21 days.

He was married to Elsie Richardson on May 7, 1932. Unto this union was born one son and two daughters.

He united with Antioch Primitive Baptist Church on September 4, 1982 and was baptized by Elders Walter Evans and Billy Yates and remained a member until death.

Preceding him in death was a daughter, Carol Absher Hall. Survivors are his son, Thomas Absher; a daughter, Joann Fletcher; three sisters, Mae Shumake of California; Lucy Choate, Sparta, N.C.; Rousie Byrd of South Carolina, and two grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

His funeral was conducted by Elder Tim Brooks and Rev. Hobert Dowell. His body was laid to rest in the Antioch Cemetery.

Written by Lucy Choate

BESSIE WILSON CHOATE

Sister Bessie Wilson Choate was born March 26, 1895, at Baywood, Va., to Curren Wilson and Ellen Scott Wilson. She passed away December 31, 1991, making her stay on earth 96 years, 9 months and 5 days. Bessie was preceded in death by her husband, J. Lott Choate, and a daughter, Evelyn Pack. She is survived by two daughters, Ellen Dell Wagonen, Ennice, N.C., and Alese Proffit, Great Mills, Md.; two sons, Harold Choate, Galax, Va., and Charles Choate, Fries, Va.; a daughter-in-law, Edith Choate, Galax, Va.; ten grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

Sister Bessie united with Hopkins View Primitive Baptist Church in Smyth County, Va., October 29, 1929 and later moved her membership by letter to Cross Roads, where she remained a faithful member until death.

Her funeral service was held January 2, 1992, in Cross Roads Primitive Baptist Church at Baywood with Elder Curtis Hash and Elder Jess Higgins officiating, with interment in Monta Vista Memory Gardens in Galax, Va.

Bessie will be greatly missed by family, friends and by this writer. Sister Bessie and Brother Lott were monuments in the Baywood Community of goodness, honesty, good neighbors and love for God and country for many years.

God bless her wonderful surviving family.

Written by Request:
Elder Jess Higgins

JOHN EDGAR TRUITT

John Edgar Truitt was born in Alleghany County, N.C., December 26, 1906, to Mr. Addison Truitt and Etta Edwards Truitt and passed this life November 6, 1991, at Waddell Nursing Home in Galax, Va., making his stay on this earth 84 years, 10 months and 11 days. John married Charity Faye Higgins and two children were born to this union: Roy Lee and a daughter that passed away in infancy.

This writer has many precious memories that go back to childhood of Uncle Johnny and Aunt Faye. They came to our home often to visit and we to their home. I have never heard anyone say anything bad about Johnny. He was of course not a perfect man, none of us are; but, he was certainly a loving, "GOD" fearing man. John united originally with Zion Primitive Baptist Church near Sparta and later moved his membership to Cross Roads Church at Baywood. He and Aunt Faye lived to see their son and grandchildren unite with Cross Roads Church. This was a highlight in their lives.

His funeral service was held November 8, 1991 at Crossroads Primitive Baptist Church with Elders Bruce Higgins and Jess Higgins officiating. His body then laid to rest in Felts Memorial Cemetery in

Galax, Va., beside his beloved wife to await the glorious Resurrection Day.

He is survived by his son, Roy Lee, and daughter-in-law, Shirley; two grandchildren, Sandra Wilson and Tony Truitt; two great-grandchildren, Charity Wilson and Leah Truitt; one sister, Bessie Richardson; two brothers, Garfield Truitt, and Talmage Truitt. May GOD richly bless his entire surviving family.

Written by request: Elder Jess Higgins

ROY RECTOR

Grace and Roy Rector

We are here today not to mark the end of an earthly life of our beloved Roy Rector, but to celebrate a new beginning in his life. A life that will not die, but will live on in Eternity. Remember Jesus Christ never conducted a funeral only resurrection. Brother Roy is a member of the Risen People. He believed what Jesus Christ said in the New Testament "because I live - you shall live also."

He was born June 17, 1904 and died February 16, 1990. He was 85 years and eight months old.

He professed a hope in Jesus as his Saviour 15 years ago and was baptized into the membership of the Crab Creek Baptist Church. He remained faithful to his Church and his Lord until death.

He was married January 6, 1948 to Grace Greene Higgins. Since that time they have had 42 wonderful years together.

Roy is also survived by: one son - Blake Rector of Winston-Salem, N.C.; three step-daughters, Mildred Chappell of Ennice, N.C.; Billie Collins of Franklinton, N.C.; June Reeves of Sparta, N.C.; one grandson, Terry Lee Rector; six step-grandchildren, Richard Chappell of Houston, Texas; Linda Poole of Sparta, N.C.; Michael Collins of Chesapeake, Va.; Warren Collins of Wendell, N.C.; Elizabeth Roupe of

Sparta, N.C.; Steve Walker of Winston-Salem, N.C.; one great-grandchild, Terry Lee Rector; ten step-great-grandchildren, Zackery Roupe, Brooke Bennett, Michael and Heather Collins, Chris Murray, Darren, Kim, and Byron Poole, Heather and Matthew Chappell.

Brother Roy was called home after a lingering illness that lasted more than 10 years.

During this time he had the love and concern of his beloved wife, family and many friends which helped to give him strength until now. No one handled themselves any better than Roy. He did not complain, but lived one day at a time. God could certainly say that Roy Rector lived a full life.

"I know not when I go - from this familiar scene
But he is here and he is there
And all the way between
And when I leave this life, for that dim vast unknown
Though late I stay, or soon I go
I shall not go alone."

ZOLLIE EMILY RICHARDSON COX

Mrs. Zollie Emily Richardson Cox was born February 23, 1905, entered into eternal rest Thursday, January 2, 1992, at the Alleghany Memorial Hospital in Sparta.

She was born in Alleghany County to John and Martha Caudill Richardson February 23, 1905. She was 86 years, 10 months and 10 days old.

She joined Little River Primitive Baptist Church in Sparta October 1925. She received hope at the age of 17 years. At the age of 20, she united with the church. She always liked to go to church.

She was married to J. Homer Cox on September 28, 1927, in Independence, Virginia. To this union were born four children - three sons, Lyle Cox of Kernersville, N.C.; Everette Cox of the home; James M. Cox of Piney Creek, N.C.; one daughter, Lois Cox of the home. Also surviving are two sisters, Ida Choate, Glade Valley, N.C.; Dorothy Holloway of

Sparta, N.C.; one brother, Dency Richardson of Sparta, N.C.; one granddaughter, two grandsons, one step-grandson and two great-granddaughters.

The funeral service was held at 2 P.M. Saturday, January 4, 1992, at Grandview Memorial Chapel, Sparta, N.C. Elder Curtis D. Hash and Elder Jess B. Higgins officiated in the service. The body was laid to rest in the Elk Creek Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery, Sparta, North Carolina.

Written by daughter, Lois Cox

She was a faithful church member, attending church as long as she was able. When her failing health confined her to her home, she talked much about her life and how good and merciful the Lord had been to her.

Sister Cox was a wonderful lady, a good church member, a good neighbor, and a friend to all who knew her. The church has lost a good member. Her children and family have lost a kind and loving mother. When I visit the home now there is a void. I feel that I have lost a mother in Zion.

She is now at rest, waiting for the day of the resurrection.

Written by Elder Curtis Hash

RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

2. A Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

3. Only one person shall speak at a time, who shall arise from his seat and address the moderator when he is about to make his speech.

4. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by any except the Moderator till he is done speaking.

5. He shall strictly adhere to the subject, and in no wise reflect on the person who spoke before, so as to make remarks on his slips, failings, or imperfections, but shall fairly state the matter as nearly as he can so as to convey his light or ideas.

6. No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the association without liberty obtained from it.

7. No person shall rise and speak more than three times on one subject without liberty obtained from the Association.

8. No member of the Association shall have liberty of laughing during the sitting of the same, nor whispering in the time of public speech.

9. No member of the Association shall address another in any appellation but the title of Brother.

10. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member in his speech or prohibit him from speaking till he gives his light on the subject, except he break the rules of this Decorum.

11. The names of the several members of the Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called over as often as the Association requires.

12. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speech as any other member, provided the chair be filled, and he shall not vote unless the Association be equally divided.

13. That any member who shall willfully and knowingly break these rules shall be reproved by the Association as they think proper.

CONSTITUTION

1. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union, and duly sent to represent them in the Association who shall be members whom they judge best qualified for that purpose, and producing letters from their respective churches, certifying their appointment, shall be entitled to a seat.

2. In the letters from the different churches there shall be expressed their number in full fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, dismissed, excommunicated and dead since the last Association.

3. The members thus chosen and convened shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor shall they have any ecclesiastical power over the churches, nor shall they infringe on any of the internal rights of any church into the union.

4. The Association, when convened, shall be governed by a proper Decorum.

5. The Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk who shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present. In the absence of the Moderator, the Clerk shall stand as a Moderator until a new Moderator can be elected.

6. Any church may be admitted into this union, who shall petition by letter and messengers, and upon examination, if found orthodox and orderly, shall be received by the Association, and manifested by the Moderator giving the messengers the right hand of fellowship.

7. Every church in the union shall be entitled to representation in the Association.

8. Every query presented by any member of the Association shall be once read and before it be debated the Moderator shall put it to vote, and, if there be a majority for its being debated, it shall be taken into consideration and be deliberated, but, if there be a majority against it, it shall be withdrawn.

9. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

10. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with the minutes of the Association, the best method for effecting that purpose shall be at the discretion of the future associations.

11. We think it absolutely necessary that we should have an Associational fund for defraying the expenses of the same, for the raising and supporting of which we think it the duty of each church in the union to contribute voluntarily such sums as they think proper, and send by the hands of their messengers to the Association, and the money thus contributed by the churches and received by the Association shall be deposited in the hands of a treasurer by the Association who shall be accountable to the Association for all money by him received and paid out according to the direction of the Association.

12. There shall be an Association Book kept, wherein the proceedings of every Association shall be regularly recorded by a secretary appointed by the Association, who may receive a compensation yearly for his trouble.

13. The minutes of the Association shall be read and cor-

rected, if need be, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association arises.

14. Amendments to this plan or form of government may be made at any time by a majority of the union, when they deem it necessary.

15. The Association shall have power (1) To provide for the general union of the churches; (2) To endeavor to preserve invoilably a chain of communion among the churches; (3) To give the churches all necessary advice in matters of difficulty; (4) To inquire into the cause why churches fail to represent themselves at any time in the Association; (5) To appropriate the means contributed by the churches for an Associational Fund to any purpose they may think proper; (6) To withdraw from any church in the union which shall violate the rules of this decorum or deviate from the orthodox principles of our religion; (7) To admit any of the distant brethren in the ministry who may be present, to assist in the transaction of business during their setting; (8) To adjourn themselves to any future time and place they may think most convenient to the churches in the union.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in only one true and living God, and that there are three persons in the Godhead, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.

2. We believe that the scriptures of the Old and New Testament, as translated in 1611 into the King James Version of the Holy Bible, is the written word of God and the only rule of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the doctrine of eternal and particular election.

4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.

5. We believe in man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature of his own free will and ability.

6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ.

7. We believe that God's elect are called, converted, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

8. We believe the saints are preserved in Jesus Christ and called and shall never fall finally away.

9. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that true believers are the only subjects of these ordinances, and that the true mode of baptism is by immersion.

10. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, both of the just and the unjust, and a general judgment and the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting and the joys of the righteous will be eternal.

11. We believe that no minister has the right to administer the ordinances only such as are regularly called and come under the imposition of hands by the presbytery, and in fellowship with a church of our faith and order.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

GALAX CHURCH, Galax, Virginia: Located at the intersection of Painter and McArthur Streets.

CROSS ROADS CHURCH, Baywood, Virginia: Located seven miles west of Galax, Virginia. Turn off Route No. 58 (five miles west of Galax) onto Route No. 636 for .3 mile. Turn right on Route No. 626, and church is just beyond Baywood Elementary School.

LITTLE RIVER CHURCH, Sparta, North Carolina: Located on Memorial Park Drive, one block east of Route 21.

PEACH BOTTOM CHURCH, Independence, Virginia: Located one mile north of Independence at intersection of Route No. 21 and 654.

ANTIOCH CHURCH, Stratford, North Carolina: Located six miles southwest of Sparta, NC. Turn off Route 221 onto Route 1167 (Antioch Church Road), go two miles, turn left on Route 1163. Just .4 mile to brick church on left of road.

ELK CREEK CHURCH, Sparta, North Carolina: Located five miles west of Sparta. From Route 21 at Twin Oaks, North Carolina, take 221 south, turn right on Route No. 93, just two miles to church on right of road.

CRAB CREEK CHURCH, Ennice, North Carolina: Located on Route #18 East of Sparta, North Carolina.

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THE MOUNTAIN DISTRICT ASSOCIATION SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDULE 1992-1993

	FIRST SUNDAY	SECOND SUNDAY	THIRD SUNDAY	FOURTH SUNDAY
MORNING SERVICE 10:30 AM	Crab Creek	Elk Creek Galax Peach Bottom	Little River Cross Roads	Antioch Crab Creek
AFTERNOON SERVICE 2:00 PM	Cross Roads			
EVENING SERVICE 7:00 PM	Peach Bottom	Little River	Antioch Galax	

FIFTH SUNDAY MEETING SCHEDULE 1992-1993

Sunday, November 29, 1992 ..... Peach Bottom Church
Sunday, January 31, 1993 ..... Antioch Church
Sunday, May 30, 1993 ..... Elk Creek Church
Sunday, August 29, 1993 ..... Cross Roads Church
Sunday, October 31, 1993 ..... Galax Church

All services to begin at 10:30 A.M. on 5th Sundays

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES AND PASTORS	CLERKS AND ADDRESSES	MESSENGERS	Received by Baptism	Received by Letter	Received by Relations	Restored to Fellowship	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Ordained Elders	Licentiate	Sunday of Meeting	Month of Communion	Total No. in Fellowship	Contributions
CRAB CREEK Elder Jess Higgins	James Wyatt Ennice, N.C.	Guthrie Caudill, James Wyatt, Viola Easter, Alt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	1st & 4th	July	38	134.00
LITTLE RIVER Elder Tim Brooks	Aubrey C. Brooks Ennice, N.C.	Aubrey C. Brooks, James Hayden, Jack Nichols, Roger Lineberry, Page Wagoner, Alt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	*1*	*1*	0	3rd	June	56	91.00
ELK CREEK Elder Curtis Hash	Cecil Wyatt Sparta, N.C.	Cecil Wyatt, Mary Rector, Farah Gambill, Rose Gambill, Alt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2nd	Aug.	19	82.00
CROSS ROADS Elder Bruce Higgins	Roy Truitt Galax, Va.	Raymond Nichols, Jerry Poe, Roy Truitt, Terry Wilson, Alt.	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	1	1st & 3rd	Aug.	33	150.00
ANTIOCH Elder Tim Brooks	Carl Williams Sparta, N.C.	Carl Williams, Junior Williams, Norman Brown, Glenna Brown, Alt.	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	4th	June	23	203.00
PEACH BOTTOM Elder Tim Brooks	Arvel Newberry Speedwell, Va.	Paris Hackler, Greene Ward, Arvil Newberry, Thomas Farmer, Alt.	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2nd	July	20	105.00
GALAX Elder Jess Higgins	James E. Atkins Independence, Va.	Woodrow Burgess, John Nichols, James Atkins, Blake Roberts, Alt.	1	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2nd & 3rd	Aug.	44	150.00

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